

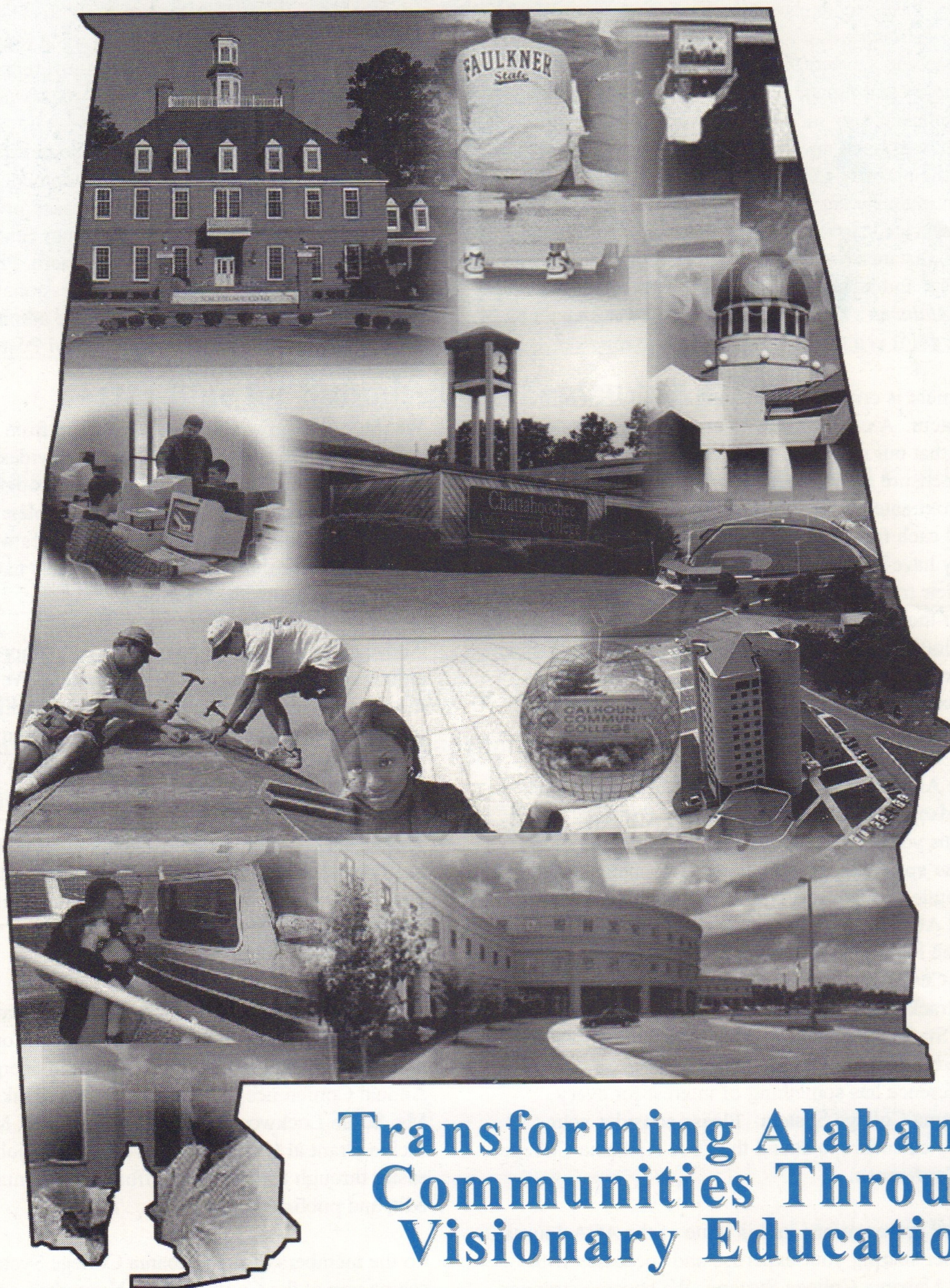


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**Transforming Alabama's
Communities Through
Visionary Education**

2002 ALABAMA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
November 24-27, 2002

Alabama College Association



Vicki P. Hawsey
President

Dr. Vicki Hawsey

What an exciting time to be a contributing member of the Alabama College System! We are indeed *Transforming Alabama's Communities Through Visionary Education*. Through Dr. Gainous' leadership, we have become a system of colleges known nationally for academic excellence and commitment to access. Our newest Chancellor, Dr. Roy Johnson, provides visionary leadership with a strong commitment to workforce development and accountability, and we are excited about the promise of an even brighter future. Our 29 sister colleges are continuously engaging in new and exciting initiatives, including service learning, developing learning colleges, learning communities, distance learning, online student services, workforce development, and technology-enhanced instruction, to name a few. *Transforming Alabama's Communities Through Visionary Education* is what we do; it is a result of our collective mission.

Professional development is critical to achieving the mission of the Alabama College System. A commitment to employee professional development ensures that our standards for excellence are maintained and even advanced to ensure a predictable future. Our 8,457 employees serve approximately 146,903 students annually and approximately 88,000 each fall term, and their lives are forever transformed after they have become our partners in the learning process. Certainly, their transformation should always be a positive one, and the stories of the successes of our alumni are strong indicators that we seriously approach our *raison d'être*. The successes of our students are inextricably related to the excellence of our employees, and that excellence is a natural outcome of a consistent emphasis on planned professional development.

The Alabama College Association Annual Conference is November 24-27, 2002, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in the lovely Port City of Mobile, Alabama. This year's conference promises to be one of the best ever. We will hear speakers of national acclaim, such as Dr. Mark Milliron from the League of Innovation, Dr. John Roueche of the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. John Gardner of the National Resource Center on the First-Year Freshmen Experience, and Dr. Hunter Boylan of the Center for Developmental Education. The Conference includes tracks for Teaching and Learning, Leadership, Student Success, and Staff Development. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Executive Committee of the Alabama College Association, this conference has something of interest for every employee of the Alabama College System. Please consider your budgets and mark your calendars to attend the 2002 Alabama College Association Annual Conference.

You will find a Call for Presentations in this issue of the ACA Journal. Please strongly consider sharing your expertise and successes with other members of the Alabama College System. We become stronger through collaboration and sharing of innovative approaches to educating and serving students in the Alabama College System. We invite proposals for workshop presentations that address all facets of the technical, community and junior colleges within our System.



Roy W. Johnson
Chancellor

Dr. Roy Johnson

The Alabama College System has made great strides during its short history. My goal over the next two years will be to build on the foundation that exists. I will set high standards and challenge the institutions and employees of the System to achieve and exceed those standards.

Professional development plays an integral role in our System's future. It is important that professional development, technology training and leadership development become increased priorities. Doing our jobs smarter and better and getting maximum benefit from technology will strengthen our System from top to bottom. Professional development through our System associations, professional associations and from other sources will be sought for college administrators and staff members, instructors and Department of Postsecondary Education employees.

We must also grow and develop leaders from within our ranks. The current state of affairs in the System provides ample evidence of the need for having skilled administrators throughout the System who are capable of assuming interim leadership roles. We have five interim or acting presidents, and more responsibilities will be placed on down-line staff where those acting appointments have caused vacancies in dean and vice president positions.

Above all, we must commit ourselves to unprecedented cooperation among the various entities of our System. We must focus on the mission of providing access to quality educational programs, promoting economic growth and improving quality of life. With the proper commitment to common goals, we have it within our power to make Alabama better.

Thank you for your commitment to serving the public and those who need postsecondary education. I look forward to working with each of you and to seeing you at the ACA annual conference.

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Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the extremely dedicated members of the ACA Executive Committee. These members contribute significant time and energy to ensuring that your Annual Conference is a success. Many thanks to Ms. Taffy Hall, Ms. Susan Lockwood, Ms. Jacquie Thacker, Ms. Jane Norden, and Ms. Jackie Grant at CVCC who have made my job as ACA President much easier through their diligent efforts to communicate, negotiate, record, edit, and publish ACA events.

To the members of the Alabama College System, I look forward to seeing you at the Conference in November, and I'm excited about our future as we continue *Transforming Alabama's Communities Through Visionary Education*!

Call for Presentations

The Alabama College Association Annual Conference will be held November 24-27, 2002, in Mobile, Alabama. The 2002 Conference theme is *Transforming Alabama's Communities Through Visionary Education*. The conference format will consist of four tracks:

- I. Teaching and Learning**
- II. Student Success**
- III. Staff Development**
- IV. Leadership**

Proposals for presentations are invited for each of the four conference tracks. Presentations will be scheduled in one hour blocks.

Deadline for Submission is September 4, 2002

Proposals for presentations should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Anthony via email at canthony@bstc.cc.al.us or fax (205) 426-7465.

Name _____ Phone _____

College _____

Track: ☐ Teaching and Learning ☐ Student Success
 ☐ Staff Development ☐ Leadership

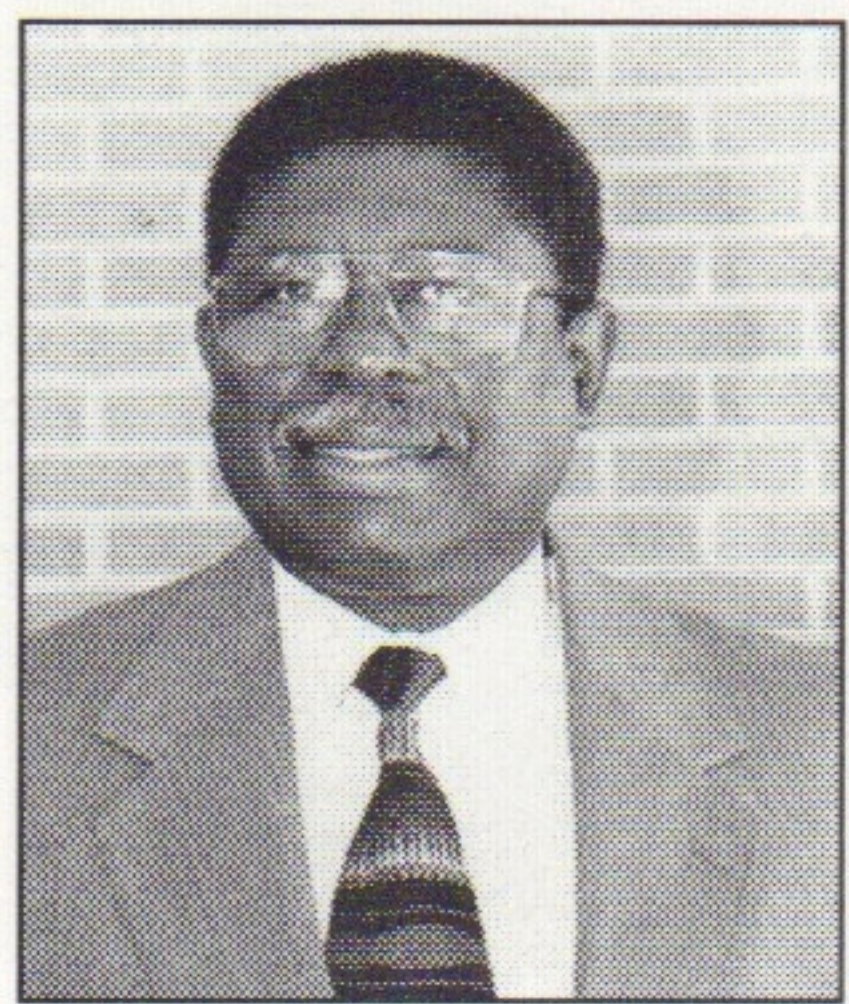
Presentation Topic: _____

Brief Abstract of Presentation (50 words or less):

All rooms will be equipped with microphone, overhead projector, and screen. Please indicate your preference for room seating: ☐ Theater (Rows of chairs) ☐ Classroom (Tables/Chairs)

ACA ELECTIONS

ACA BALLOTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF FIRST AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WILL SOON BE DISTRIBUTED TO ACA MEMBERS. DR. STAFFORD L. THOMPSON, SR., IS CANDIDATE FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. THE CANDIDATES FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ARE DR. ALLEN B. CHAMPION AND DR. JIM PRUCNAL.



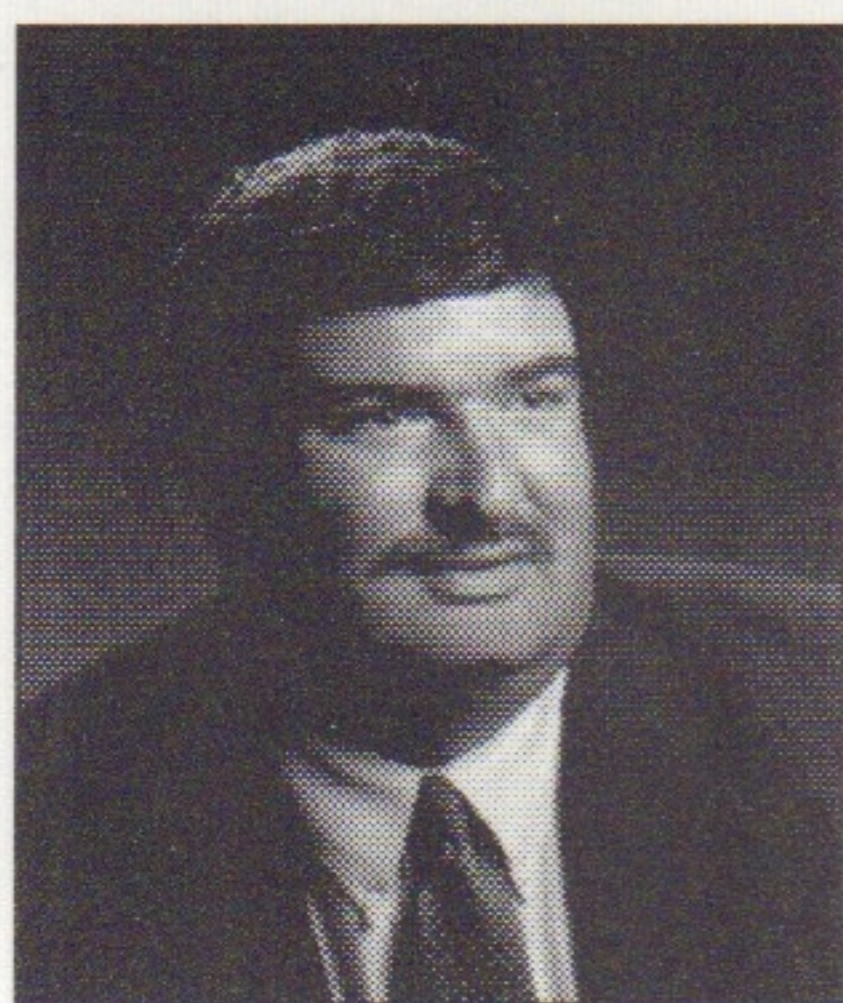
**First Vice President
Dr. Stafford L. Thompson, Sr.**, a former legislative analyst with the Florida Senate Committee on Education, was appointed Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs with the Alabama

Department of Postsecondary Education in June 1988. He assumed the responsibility for External Affairs, October 1, 1992. He was appointed Interim President at Enterprise State Junior College, September 1, 1994, and was named President, March 28, 1996.

His career includes nine years of service with the Florida State Department of Education where he served as Assistant to the Executive Director, Division of Community Colleges; Section Director for Program Development and Evaluation; Coordinator of Student Development; and Assistant Coordinator of Student Development. Prior to his service in Florida, he served as State Coordinator of Adult Education with the Missouri Department of Education. In addition, Dr. Thompson has held administrative and instructional responsibilities in public school education and skills training programs in Tennessee and Missouri. His career includes over 33 years experience at the secondary and postsecondary levels.

Dr. Thompson holds a Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida; a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling Education from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee.

He is the author of an array of speeches and articles on community college issues and is an active member of numerous civic and professional organizations. He is currently serving as 2nd Vice-President of the Alabama Presidents Association, and a member of the Legislative Contact Team of the Alabama Presidents Association; 2nd Vice-President, Alabama College Association; Board Member, Alabama Council of College and University Presidents; Member, American Association of Community Colleges, Rural Community College Advisory Committee; Board of Directors and President of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges; Board Member and Secretary, Health Care Authority of the City of Enterprise; Board Member, Association of the United States Army; member, Executive Committee of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation; Board of Directors and 1st Vice-President of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Federal Credit Union; and Board of Directors, the Enterprise Coffee Geneva Economics Development Corporation.

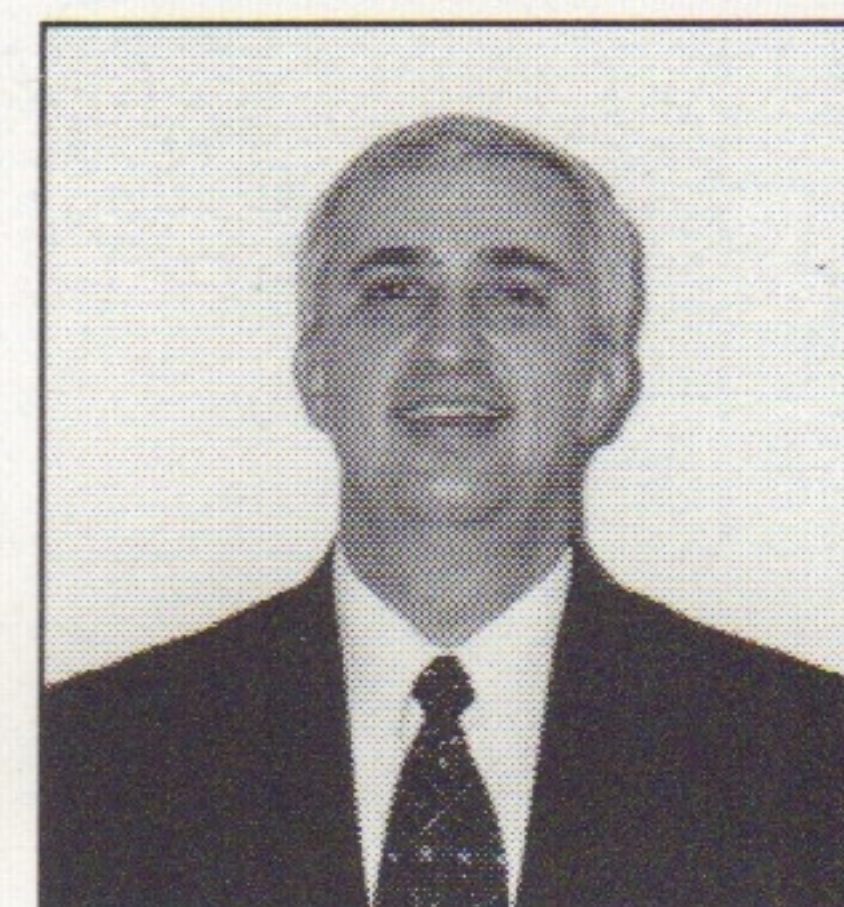


**Second Vice President
Dr. Allen B. Champion** is a candidate for the position of ACA Second Vice President. Dr. Champion is currently the Vice-President for Administration/Student Services at Snead State Community College, Boaz, Alabama. His current college leadership positions include serving as Dean of Student Services, heads the College's strategic planning and institutional effectiveness program, chair of the SACS Steering Committee, and supervises the institutional research and management information systems departments.

He earned a B.S. degree in Political Science from Auburn University. He holds a Master's degree in Secondary Education, an Education Specialist degree in Administration and Planning, and a Doctorate in Administration and Planning from the University of Alabama. He also has additional graduate work from Alabama A&M, Auburn University, and Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Champion is presently the ACA Vice-Chair of the Student Services Commission and is President Elect of the Alabama College System Deans of Student Affairs Association. He has served the last two years on the Deans of Student Affairs Association Executive Board and is the past Secretary/Treasurer. He also served on the Department of Postsecondary Education Distance Education Consortium Student Services Subcommittee and on the Implementation Evaluation of the Semester System Conversion Committee.

Dr. Champion is currently active in many civic and community organizations. He is Vice-President of the Albertville City Board of Education, member of the Marshall County United Way Board of Directors, Albertville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Rotary International Boaz Chapter Board of Directors, Marshall County Leadership Challenge Board of Directors, and chairman of Leadership Albertville Board of Directors. He is also an active member of the Albertville First United Methodist Church where he serves as a member of the Pastors/Parish Relations Committee



**Second Vice President
Dr. Jim Prucnal** is currently the Dean of Financial and Administrative Services at Gadsden State Community College. He has twenty-four years experience in higher education, ranging from part-time and full-time instructor of accounting, business and marketing to Academic Director to Dean.

He is a 1974 magna cum laude graduate of Gadsden State Junior College where he was active as a National Vice-President of Phi Beta Lambda. He received his B.S. degree in accounting with honors and distinction from Jacksonville State University and his MBA from Auburn University where he was President of the Graduate Business Student Association. He received his Doctorate in Higher Education in 1982 from the University of Alabama where he was named Most Outstanding Student in the Higher Education program. He is a 1998 graduate of the League of Innovation Executive Leadership Institute.

Dr. Prucnal has served as Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer of the Alabama Association of Higher Education in Business for seven years and received the AAHEB Excellence in Teaching Award in 1995. He was Gadsden State Community College's 1995 nominee for the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Administrator as Academic Director for the Area of Business and was GSCC's 2001 nominee for the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Administrator as Dean of Financial and Administrative Services. He was instrumental in Gadsden State Community College receiving accreditation in the Area of Business with the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and the Paralegal Program with the American Bar Association (ABA).

He has served as the President of the Alabama College System Financial Management Association. He served three years as the Secretary of the Gadsden Civitan Club. He serves on the Board of Directors of the All Alabama Academic Team and is currently serving his second term as Vice-Chair for Administration for The Alabama College Association. He is on the Board of Directors of the Gadsden Chapter of the American Red Cross and is active in numerous other civic, church, and community activities.

Dr. Prucnal wants to serve ACA because he feels, "that this organization is vital for the professional growth and development of our system. Never before has professional

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development been so important due to changes in technology, the workforce, and the economy. ACA fills a much needed and meaningful role for each of our colleges that will become even more significant in the future. I want to help ACA fulfill its mission."

Jefferson Davis Community College

JDCC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL TENNIS COACHING HALL OF FAME

Jefferson Davis Community College athletic director Karen Reynolds was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association's Women's Tennis Coaches Hall of



Ms. Karen Reynolds

Fame in June. The presentation was made during the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) national tennis tournament in College Station, Texas. "I was thrilled because this was voted on by coaches all across the United States," Reynolds said. "I was really honored that they chose me."

Reynolds, who has been a member of the Jeff Davis faculty since the fall of 1967, has coached tennis, baseball, slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball, and volleyball. She took five of her men's tennis teams to the NJCAA national tournament (1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994), and seven women's teams to the tournament (1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1994). In each of those years, the teams were ranked in the top 20 in the nation. She had two women players who were all-Americans and two men's teams who earned the distinction of being the NJCAA's top academic teams of the year in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

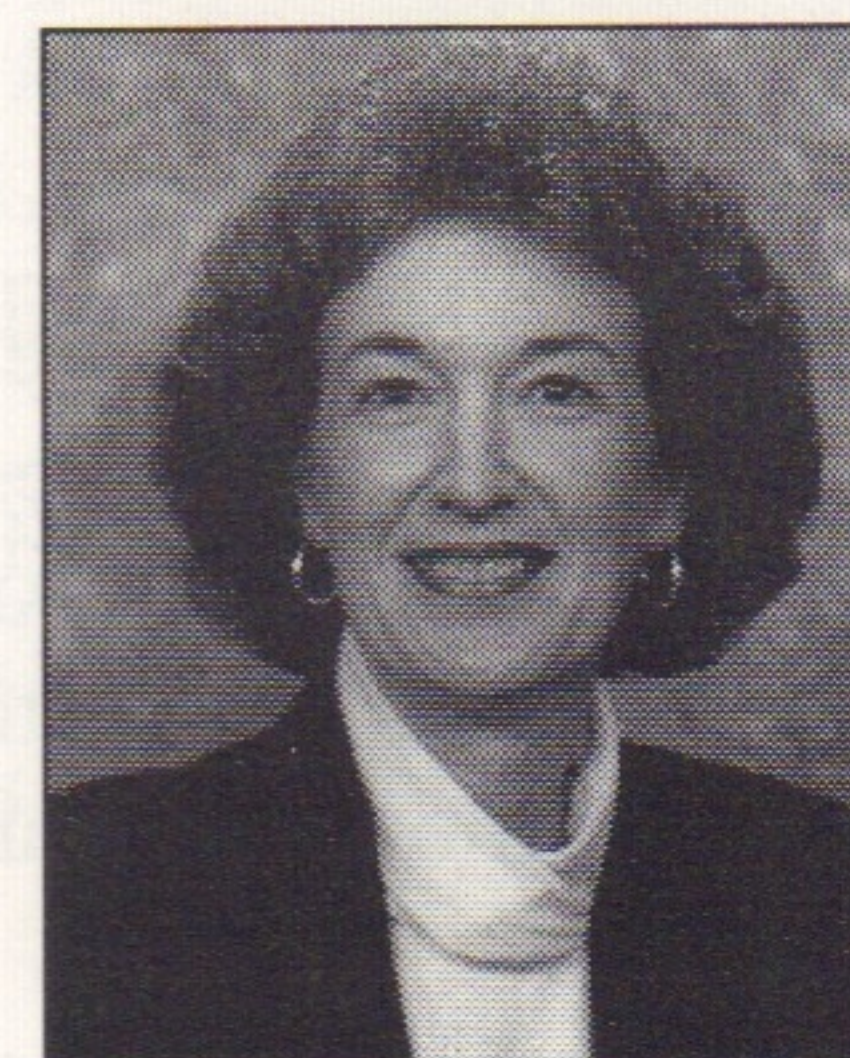
In addition to being a member of the National Hall of Fame, Coach Reynolds was inducted into the Alabama Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999; was the women's Sports Foundation regional coach of the year in 1995; and won regional coaching awards in 1992 and 1986. Coach Reynolds is the NJCAA women's regional director and a member of the NJCAA executive committee.

MANTEL SERVES ON NATIONAL REVIEW PANEL

Ann Mantel, Jefferson Davis Community College's Director of Nursing and Allied Health, served as a member of the evaluation review panel for the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission's June session. The panel review is part of the accreditation process for two-year associate degree programs.

Jefferson State Community College

JEFFERSON STATE ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED TO BOARD OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES



Dr. Harriott Calhoun

Dr. Harriott Calhoun, Director of Institutional Research and Information Services at Jefferson State Community College, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association for Community Colleges.

Selected by a national vote of AACC institutional members, Calhoun will serve a three-year term, which began July 2002. The Association announced its new directors at the Association's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington.

The classroom -- not the trench -- is the frontier of freedom now and forever.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Reid State Technical College

ENGLISH ATTENDS NCLEX ITEM WRITER SESSION

Lula English, LPN instructor, was selected by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., to participate as a NCLEX item writer in an NCLEX item development panel session in Chicago. Ms. English created questions or items to be used as part of the NCLEX exam. English was one of 12 nurses from across the nation to be selected for this prestigious assignment. She was nominated by the Alabama Board of Nursing on the basis of her background and nursing experience.

The National Council is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX examination for all nurses in the United States and five U.S. territories. The examination identifies those candidates who demonstrate minimal competence to practice nursing at the entry level. Passing the NCLEX examination is one of the requirements necessary for attaining a nursing license.



Ms. Lula English

Bevill State Community College

STOWE RECEIVES MASTER'S DEGREE

Melissa Stowe, Director of Enrollment Services at Bevill State Community College, completed her Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration in May 2002.

As director of college enrollment, she is responsible for admissions, records, and transcripts for all four campuses of Bevill State. She serves on the central administrative team for Student Services and currently is an Ambassador sponsor on the Fayette Campus. Ambassadors serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and participate in several community service projects throughout the year.

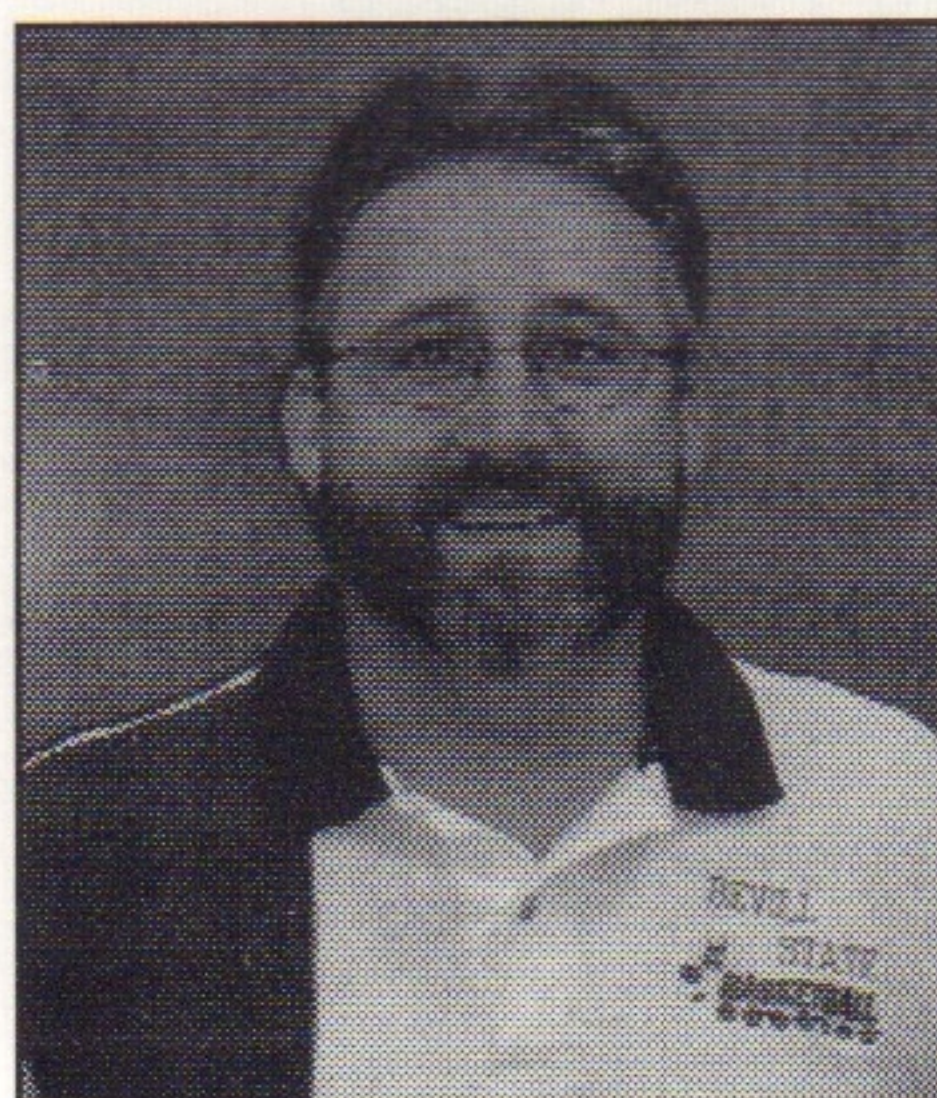
Stowe was elected to serve on the ALACRAO conference committee this past year as well as the upcoming year. She has been employed by Bevill State for eight years.



Ms. Melissa Stowe

BEVILL STATE'S DEAN AWARDED CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE YEAR

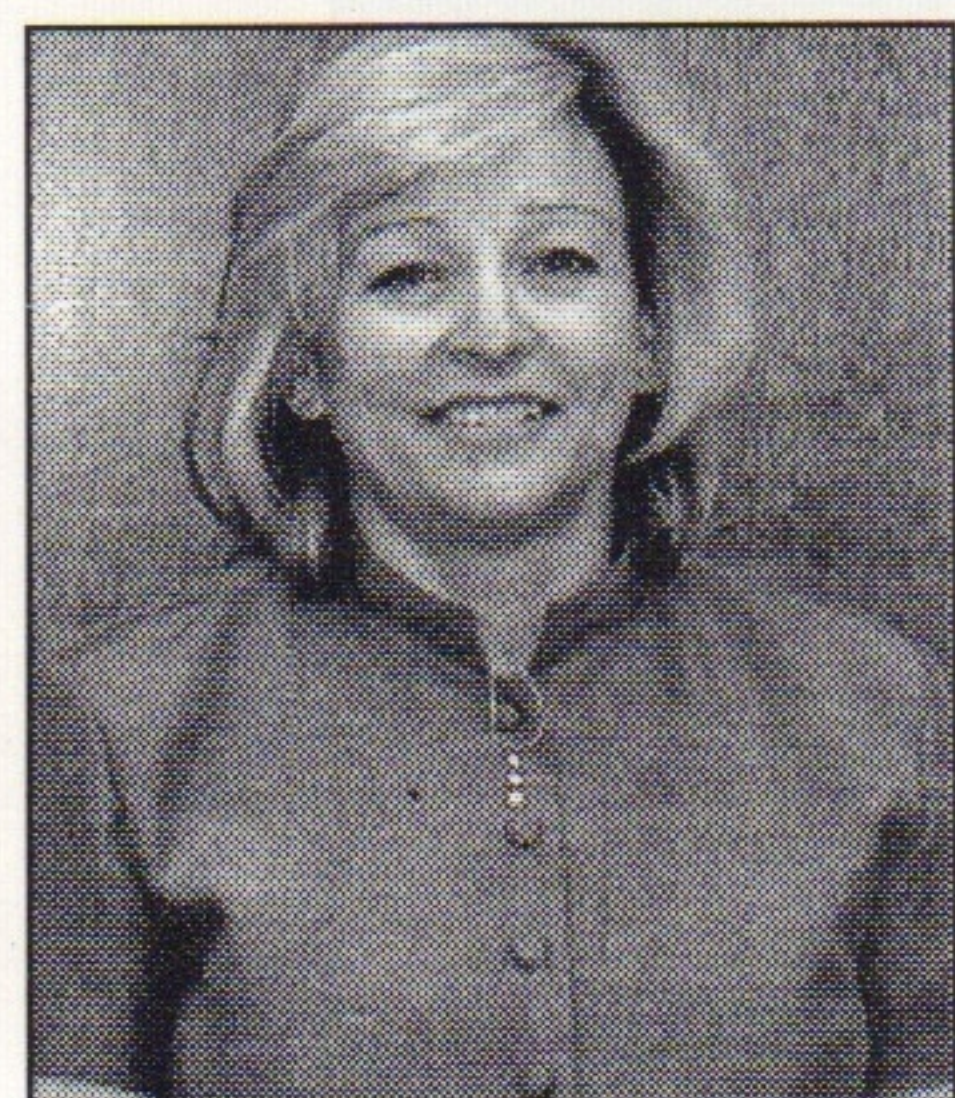
Dr. Stephen Vacik, Associate Dean of Bevill Community College's Fayette Campus, was presented with the Chamber Member of the Year Award by the Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce. Vacik served on the Chamber Board of Directors for the 2001-2002 term and was re-elected for the 2002-2003 year.



Dr. Stephen Vacik

When presenting the award, Mark Brown, chamber president, said, "Dr. Vacik has been a vital member of the Chamber and worked diligently to build the partnership between Bevill State and the Chamber. He is a leader and always willing to help in any way."

STEELE IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR PI GAMMA MU CONFERENCE



Dr. Kandis Steele

Bevill State Community College's Dr. Kandis Steele served as the keynote speaker in March 2002 for the Pi Gamma Mu Southeastern Region Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. Steele's presentation was on Creating Learning communities. Learning communities link common courses together to highlight interdisciplinary connections for a more holistic view of academia. Steele is currently the Interim Associate Dean of Instructional Services at Bevill State Community College. Steele has served as a speaker at numerous international and national conferences on the topics of Distance Education, Technology in the Classroom and Learning Communities.

BEVILL INSTRUCTOR OBTAINS CPS CERTIFICATION

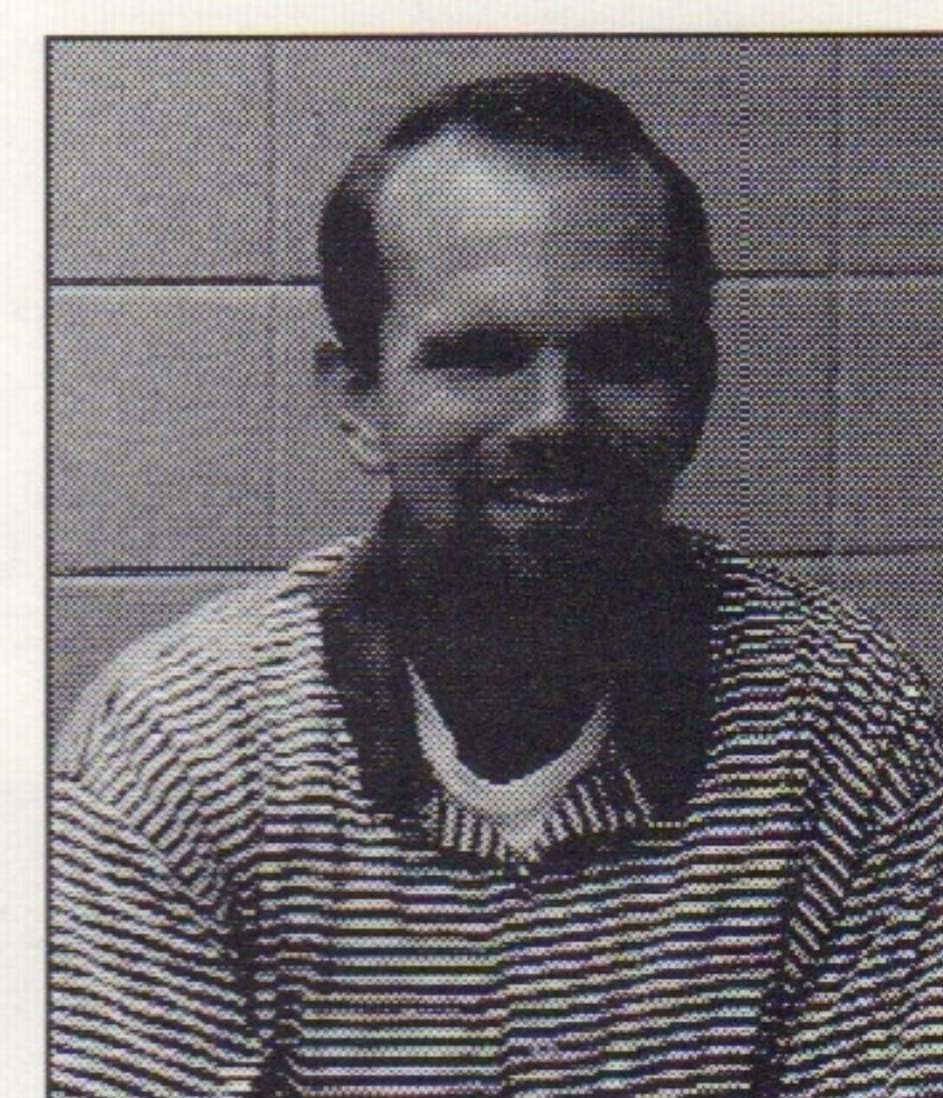
Sandy Short, an Office Administration instructor at Bevill State Community College, obtained the CPS (Certified Professional Secretary) certification in June 2002. The CPS rating is the industry recognized mark of excellence. It is earned through the completion of a three-part, one-day exam in areas of Office Administration and Technology, Management, and Finance and Business Law.



Ms. Sandy Short

BEVILL INSTRUCTOR SELECTED FOR SCIENCE TEACHER ED PROGRAM

Doug Sizemore, biology instructor at Bevill State Community College, was selected from applicants across the state to attend a Science Teacher's Education Program (S.T.E.P.) sponsored by the Auburn University Poultry Science Department.



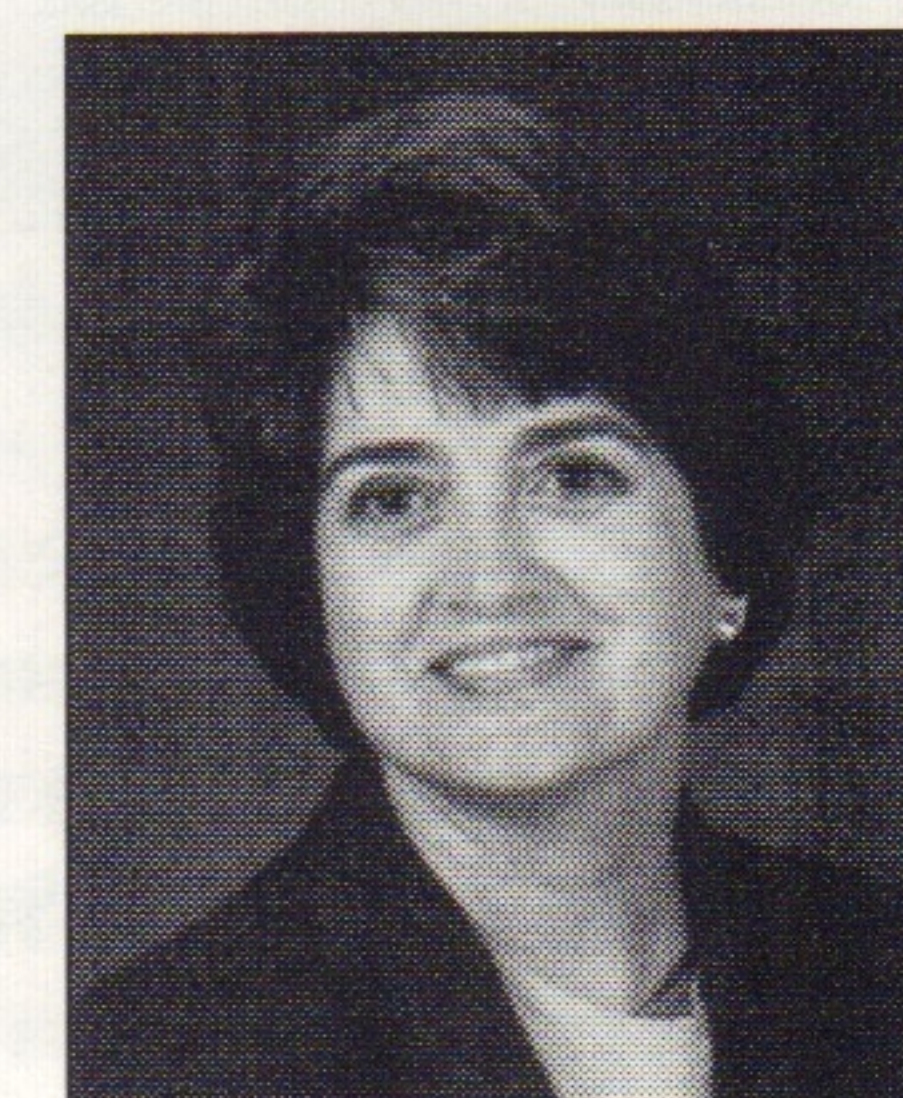
Mr. Doug Sizemore

The purpose of the program is to provide participants with information on science based food safety procedures used in the poultry industry, and to provide hands on lab experiences which can be integrated into any general biology curriculum. Additionally, the program aims to inform participants of career options in the poultry industry and to provide information on scholarship availability.

Faulkner State Community College

STRICKLAND WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Margaret Strickland was presented the First Place Gold Paragon Award in the Viewbook Category by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) on March 19, 2002 in Orlando, Florida.



Ms. Margaret Strickland

This is the third national award for Strickland and Faulkner State. She won Gold in 2000 in the radio advertising category and Silver in 1999 in the college promotional video category.

Strickland has also won three Silver Medallion District Awards through NCMPR.

Since 1991, Strickland has received 39 awards from the Alabama College System Public Relations Association (ACSPRA) including being twice named Communicator of the Year.

The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations is the only organization of its kind that exclusively represents marketing and PR professionals at community, technical and junior colleges. As one of the fastest-growing affiliates of the American Association of Community Colleges, NCMPR today has more than 1,550 members from more than 600 colleges across the United States, Canada and Bahamas.

Bishop State Community College

MCNEIL RECEIVES BISHOP STATE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Diana McNeil, an instructor in the Division of Humanities at Bishop State Community College, is the recipient of the institution's 2002 President's Award. The highest internal award issued by the College, Bishop State President Dr. Yvonne Kennedy gives the President's Award each year to an employee whose work performance has been outstanding.



Ms. Diana McNeil

McNeil chairs the College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration Committee, the Central Weekend Golden Anniversary Committee, and the Exhibits and Display Boards Committee. She serves on the Executive Council of the Bishop State Community College Education Association and the Athletics Committee. When not in the classroom, McNeil conducts communication workshops and serves as a motivational speaker for various organizations and churches.

McNeil is the immediate past president of the Mobile County Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and currently serves as treasurer and education chairperson. She is the second vice-president elect of the Mobile Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a member of the Metro Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama and serves as chairperson of the scholarship committee.

A teacher for more than 20 years, McNeil holds a Master of Arts degree in Reading Education from the University of South Alabama. She has a certification in Administration and Supervision. McNeil received the 2001 YWCA Public Service Achievement Award during the sixth annual Woman of Achievement Awards banquet for her contributions to the community. She is listed in Outstanding Young Women of America and Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

BRADFORD INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Barbara Bradford, Bishop State Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director, recently was inducted into the Section on Administration Hall of Fame in recognition of her past service as Chair Elect and Chair 1983-1987. The induction took place while she was attending the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) 2002 Combined Sections Meeting in Boston. Bradford is a member of the APTA Education Section and the Section on Administration (SOA).



Ms. Barbara Bradford

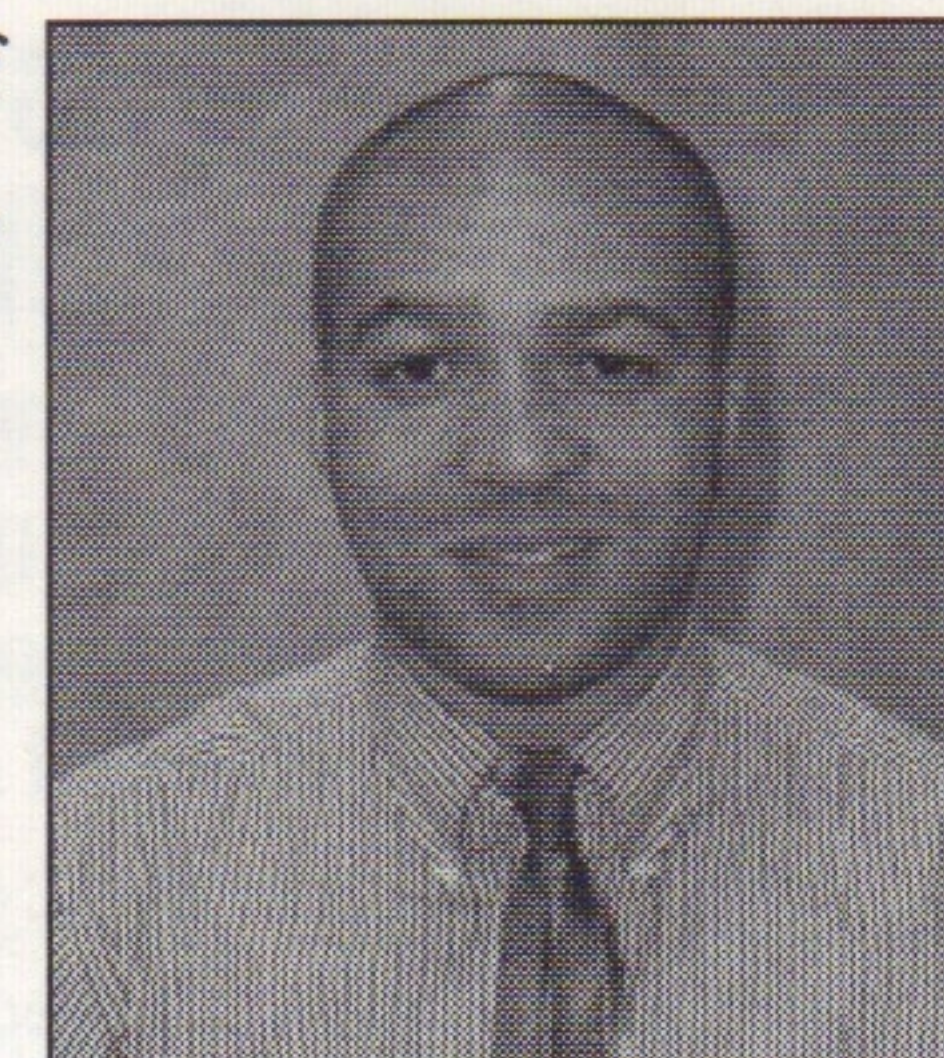
During the Education Section Physical Therapist Assistant Special Interest Group Business Meeting, she was nominated for the office of Vice Chair. She assumed the office at the Annual Conference in Cincinnati. Her major responsibility involves planning, developing and scheduling educational programming at the Sections Academic Administrators Special Interest Group Forums and at the APTA Combined Sections meetings.

Bradford currently serves as Vice President/Education Committee Chair of the Alabama Physical Therapy Association. She recently attended the National Association of Community Health Centers' (NACHC) 27th

Annual Policy and Issues Forum in Washington, D.C., as a representative from the Board of Directors of Franklin Primary Health Care, Inc., Mobile. Bradford is also a member of the NACHC and was awarded the Certificate in Health Center Governance for her completion of the required 31 education session contact hours in the Governance Tract. Her span of service on the Franklin Board dates back to 1996.

REED OVERSEES SCORING EXAMS

Dr. Keflyn X. Reed, Chairman of the Division of Humanities at Bishop State Community College, recently served as a Faculty Consultant/Table Leader for scoring of the Advanced Placement examinations in English Literature and Composition in Daytona Beach.



Dr. Keflyn Reed

The College Board of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) administers the Advanced Placement tests to students attempting to earn college credits.

Lee Jones, Vice President of The College Board, and Walt MacDonald, Executive Director of the Advanced Placement Program at ETS, reported that more than 60,000 students completed the English Literature and Composition exams.

TAYLOR LAUDED BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The National Association of Black Social Workers recently presented Mary Q. Taylor with the Chapter Individual Service Award at its 34th Annual Conference in Albuquerque. Taylor is a career counselor at Bishop State Community College.



Ms. Mary Taylor

This was the first time an award of this magnitude had been presented to an individual for exemplifying dedication, compassion for others and organizational skills both local and national.

Taylor was a charter member of the Mobile chapter where she currently serves as vice president. On the national level, she has served as the national fundraiser chairperson, member-at-large and played a significant role in planning the National Steering Committee meetings.

DAVIS ELECTED TO ACBSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald Davis, an instructor of computer science at Bishop State Community College, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs during the 2001 annual conference held in New York. Davis' term on the Board will be 2001-2003. ACBSP is an accrediting agency for two and four-year schools and programs.

Davis also serves as the immediate-past president of Kappa Beta Delta International Honors Society. Kappa Beta Delta is a specialized honor society for business related programs. Kappa Beta Delta was created in 1998 for ACBSP two year accredited schools. There are approximately 50 chapters at various community and junior colleges in the United States and Saudi Arabia.

In addition, Davis has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Ladd-Pebbles Stadium. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Mobile Area Sports Commission.

Chattahoochee Valley Community College

CVCC OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES SELECTED

Chattahoochee Valley Community College implemented for 2002 a new way of addressing employee recognition.

Recognition was focused on one singular standard of performance: **excellence**. A five-member, broad-based, diverse committee was established to develop and administer a selection process. The committee developed performance criteria, which were sent to all full-time and part-time employees.

Employees were invited to nominate their choice or choices for the awards from a list of all eligible employees. The procedure was designed to broaden and simplify the nomination process. It was also the intent of the new recognition program that it focus on performance over a clearly defined period of time, the previous year. All full-time employees were eligible for the awards.

CVCC's first Outstanding Support Staff Member is Xueying Chen, Library Assistant Supervisor. Chen was employed at CVCC in 1997 as a Library Assistant/Computer Technician. She has served as the Chair of the CVCC Technology Committee for the past two years.



Ms. Xueying Chen



Ms. Jacquie Thacker

CVCC's first Outstanding Professional Staff Member is Jacquie Thacker, Director of Community Relations and Student Outreach. Thacker has served in this position for the past ten years. She has over twenty-three years of experience in the public relations field. She currently serves as the secretary for the Alabama College System Public Relations Association.

CVCC MATH INSTRUCTOR SELECTED AS MASTER TEACHER FOR 2002-2003

Ms. Evelyn Harris, CVCC Math Instructor, was selected as CVCC Master Teacher for 2002-2003. She attended the Alabama Master Teacher Seminar in June at Jacksonville State University. Harris will receive a \$1,000 stipend to fund travel and professional development activities.



Ms. Evelyn Harris

Harris was employed as an adjunct instructor for ten years at CVCC before becoming a full time instructor in 2000. She has taught in public and private high schools as a mathematics teacher for thirty-two years. She has over thirty-four years of teaching experience.

"Attending the Master Teacher Seminar was a renewal and a refreshing experience. We shared motivational, innovative, and presentation activities. We presented teaching lessons to our peers, and we were evaluated by them which served as an excellent self-evaluation tool," stated Harris.

BLACKWELL APPOINTED ACTING PRESIDENT AT CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Roy W. Johnson, Chancellor, Alabama College System, recently appointed Dr. Laurel M. Blackwell as Acting President of Chattahoochee Valley Community College.



Dr. Laurel Blackwell

Dr. Blackwell brings a varied and rich background to her new position. Blackwell has over seventeen years of experience in the Alabama community college environment. She has served as Director of Workforce Development, which also included institutional advancement initiatives, at Southern Union State Community College and Director of Adult Services at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Alabama. In addition to her responsibilities as Director of Adult Services she assisted in the creation of WCC's Institute for Workforce Development and developed highly acclaimed job specific, on-site workplace education initiatives. Other positions held at Wallace-Dothan: Director of Vocational Program Improvement, Special

Populations Coordinator, Adult Student Specialist, Coordinator of Displaced Homemaker and Single Parent Program and Student Support Services English Instructor. In addition to her seventeen years in the post-secondary education arena, Blackwell taught in various K-12 schools for nine years.

Blackwell has served as Past President of the Alabama Association for Public and Continuing Education (ALAPCAE); founded and served on the Board of Directors for the Alfred Saliba Family Services Center in Dothan; Past President of the Houston County JOBS Task Force; Association of Service Agencies, former Officer and Board Member; Careers, Inc., Board of Directors; graduate of the Wiregrass and Lee County Leadership Programs also serving as leadership class trainer, member of the Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers; member of the Training for Business and Industry Network and Work Keys Profiler Network sponsored through the Department of Postsecondary Education.

Blackwell received her Ed.D. in Administration of Higher Education from the University of Alabama, M.A. in Adult Education from the University of South Florida, B.A. in Speech/English Education from the University of Northern Iowa, and her Associate of Arts from Cottey College, Nevada.

CVCC DIVISION CHAIR TO SERVE ON STATE COMMITTEE

Dixie Peterson, Chairperson of CVCC's Division of Health Sciences, was appointed as Associate Degree Representative Consultant to the Education Committee by the Alabama Board of Nursing. "This is quite an honor, and testimony to Ms. Peterson's leadership, reputation, and the quality of CVCC's nursing program," said Dr. Vicki Hawsey, Vice President and Dean of the College at CVCC.

Ms. Peterson has been with the College for approximately 18 years. She started her education experience at CVCC then transferred to Samford University where she received the B.S.N. She received the M.S.N. from Troy State University.

Ms. Peterson was the Chancellor's Award recipient for Outstanding Technical Faculty for 2001-2002 based on her superior performance in teaching and assigned duties, professional development and educational attainment, and contributions toward planning and program development.

MOST DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD



Dr. Ellen Gunter

Dr. Ellen Gunter was presented the Most Distinguished Faculty Award at CVCC's 19th Academic Award Banquet. Dr. Gunter was selected by members of the Alpha Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta

Kappa for her outstanding contributions and performance as an instructor and her true concern for the success of her students. Dr. Gunter has been a member of the CVCC faculty since 1974 when she began teaching part-time in the Social Science department. In 1975, she became a full-time instructor. Dr. Gunter has a legacy of 27 years during which she has touched the lives of literally thousands of students in a meaningful way.

CVCC INSTRUCTOR SPEAKS TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Beverly Morris, Psychology Instructor at Chattahoochee Valley Community College, was one of the presenters at the Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers' (ALACRAO) 64th



Ms. Beverly Morris

Annual Conference. Morris' hour-long presentation was entitled, "Managing Conflict by Understanding the Influence of Culture on Personality and Behavior." The purpose of the session was to stimulate participants' insights into culture, to identify how one's culture influences behavior in order to foster more effective interactions with others and reduce personal sources of conflict and stress. She covered such topics as: Identifying Your Stressors, The Three Types of Conflict; Diversity, and concluded with Steps Toward Managing Your Personal Conflict.

MESSNER ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL READING CONFERENCE

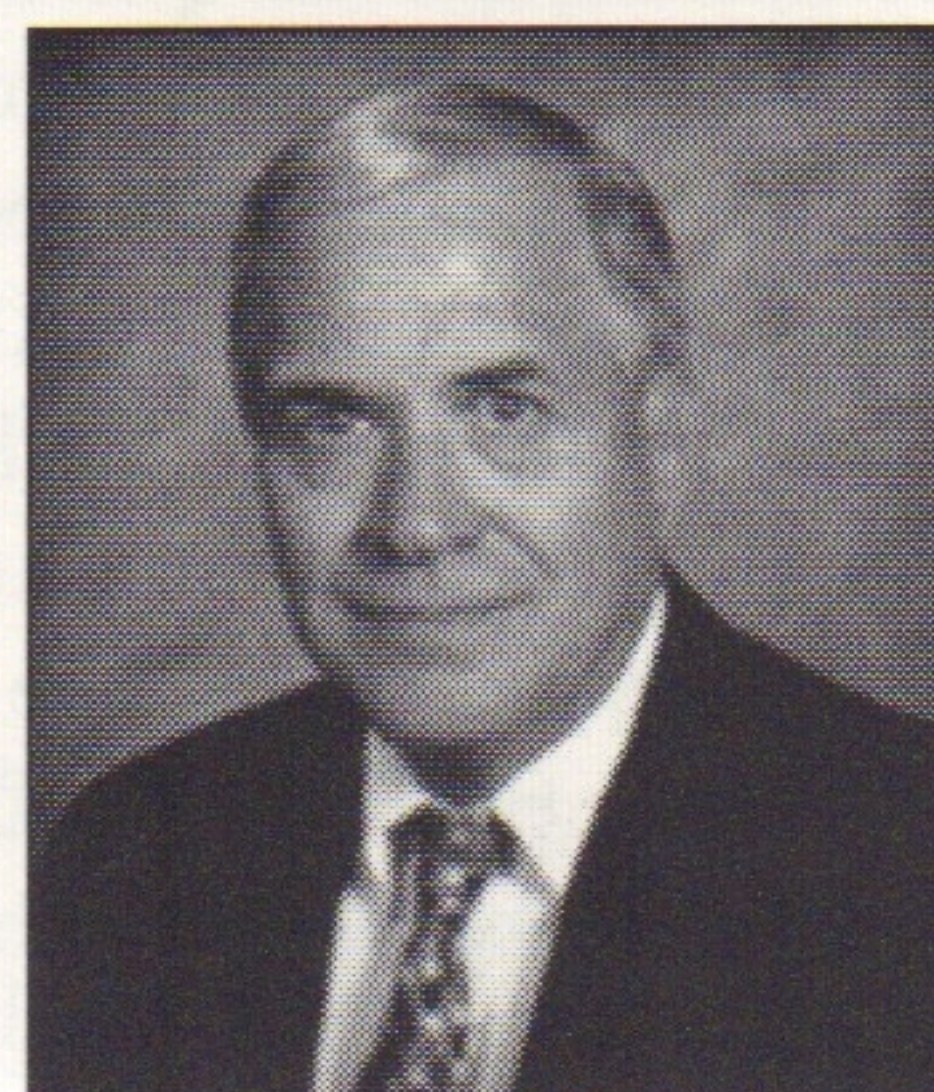
In May 2002, Mrs. Anne Messner, Reading and English Instructor at Chattahoochee Valley Community College, attended the 47th annual convention of the International Reading Association in San Francisco,

California. Messner was one of 20,000 reading educators from across the nation who came together to participate in various reading-related activities. Some of these activities included meeting authors, participating in seminars, reviewing newly published materials, and attending technology demonstrations, all of which were aimed at better teaching and learning in reading. The conference was organized so that participants with special interests could attend clusters of workshops together. The college reading group learned about ADHD in adults and the benefits of text-to-speech instruction strategies. Messner was able to attend the conference as result of being chosen as master Teacher for 2001, which carried with it a \$1,000 award for professional development.

Calhoun Community College

CALHOUN DEAN RECOGNIZED AS STATE'S TOP BUSINESS OFFICER

Donald Davis, Dean of Business and Finance at Calhoun Community College, has been named Business Manager of the Year by the Alabama Association of College and University Business Officers (AACUBO) and the Alabama College System Financial Management Association (ACSFMA). Davis was presented the award during the annual conference of the two groups in Orange Beach.



Mr. Donald Davis

A Calhoun employee since 1983, Davis became the college's chief financial officer in July 1998. Prior to assuming this position, Davis served as Calhoun's Assistant Dean of Business Operations/Treasurer. A resident of Athens, Alabama, he has also served in other positions at Calhoun, including Director of Physical Plant and Security, Director of Auxiliary Services, Interim Director of Human Resources, and Interim Dean of Business Operations. In addition to his tenure at Calhoun, Davis has served in business/ financial positions with the State of Alabama Department of Revenue and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

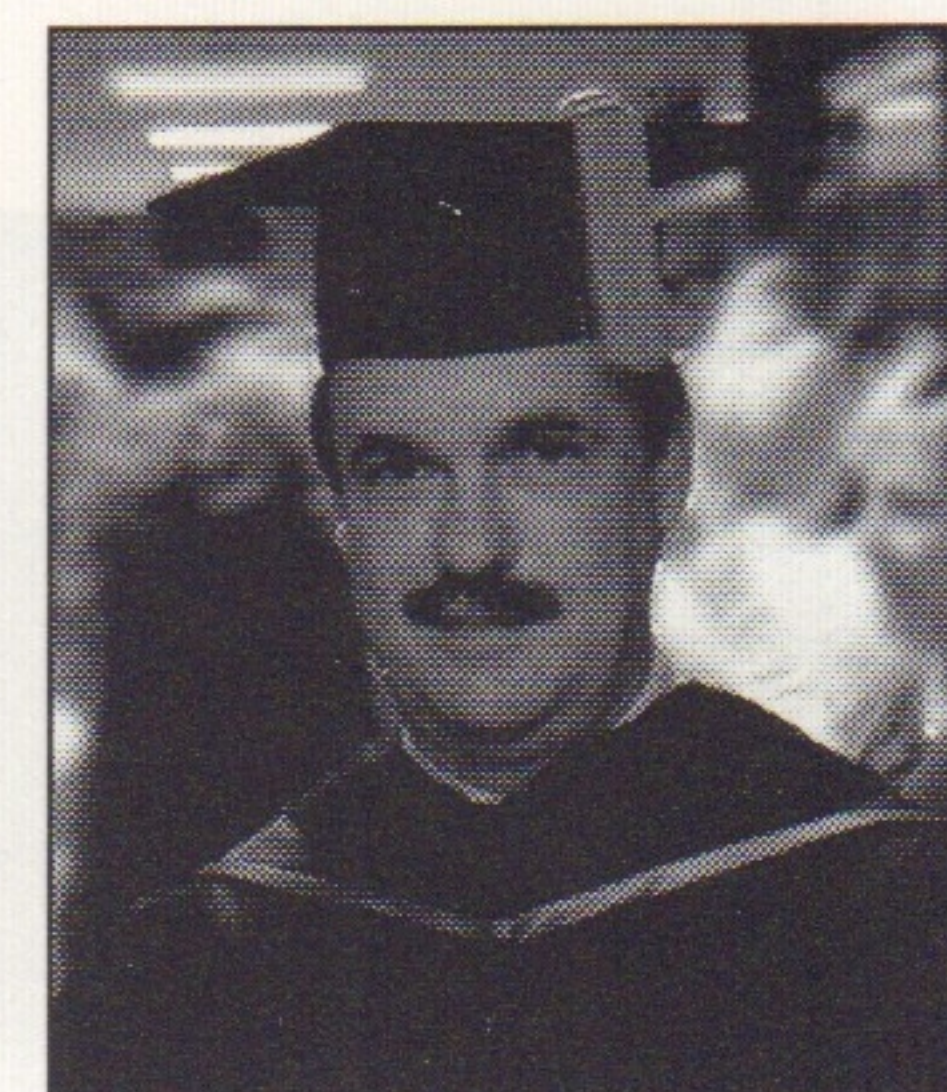
A graduate of Auburn University, Davis holds professional memberships with such organizations as the National Association of

College and University Business Officers, the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers, and the National Association of College Buyers.

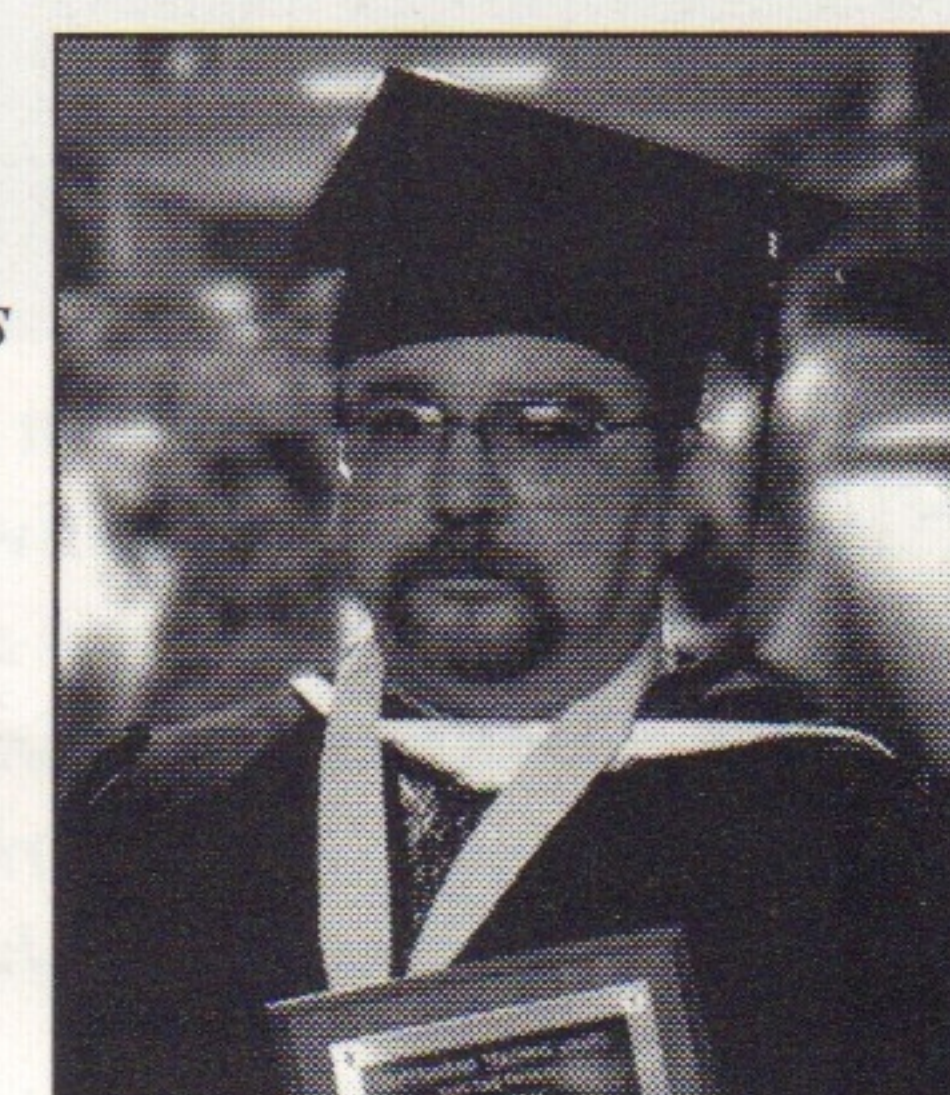
CALHOUN HONORS OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND STAFF

During the 2002 Honors Day program at Calhoun Community College, awards were presented for the college's Outstanding Full and Part-time Faculty and Outstanding Service Award for College Staff. Individuals to be considered for the awards are nominated by students, faculty and staff at the college.

Recipients of the 2002 awards were Dr. Jerry Armor of Moulton, chairperson of the college's Social Science Division, winner of the Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award for Full-time Faculty; John Davis of Ardmore, Tennessee, an adjunct faculty member in the Fine Arts Division, recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award for Part-time Faculty; and Jackie Gooch of Athens, secretary for the Dean of Instruction, recipient of the Outstanding Service Award.



Dr. Jerry Armor



Mr. John Davis



Ms. Jackie Gooch

Wallace Community College-Dothan

WCC UNVEILS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL 2002 LOGO "DARE TO DREAM"

Wallace Community College-Dothan hosted the queens of the National Peanut Festival at the annual Queens' Day at Wallace-a tradition of the NPF and WCC for more than 20 years. Queens' Day is the first chance for the area queens to meet each other and prepare for the Miss National Peanut Festival pageant. It is also the first opportunity for the girls to meet their pageant roommates. One of the highlights of the day is the unveiling of the official Festival logo for the year. Dr. Kay Roney, Dean of Institutional Advancement unveiled the new artwork and slogan-Dare to Dream-on the official 2002 NPF t-shirt. The artwork features a farmer examining a bunch of peanuts, and includes the WCC logo in the bottom corner. At Wallace, the queens wrote an essay entitled "Share Your Dream" as part of the pageant competition. Instructors from WCC's English department judged the essays, and the winner will be announced at the Miss NPF pageant later this year.



WCC employee Hope Gunn of Headland and Miss National Peanut Festival Katie Lester of Dothan display the 2002 NPF logo and slogan, "Dare to Dream." Gunn is the administrative assistant to Wallace Campus Dean Mark Shope, who is a past president and current member of the NPF board of directors.

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & DOTHAN FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTNER TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO HEARING -IMPAIRED

Wallace Community College and the Dothan Fire Department recently partnered to honor one of their own and to create a program to help save lives. The John T. Ingram Smoke

Detector for the Hearing-Impaired Fund was named in memory of fallen Dothan firefighter John Timothy Ingram, who was also WCC's 2001 Outstanding Student in



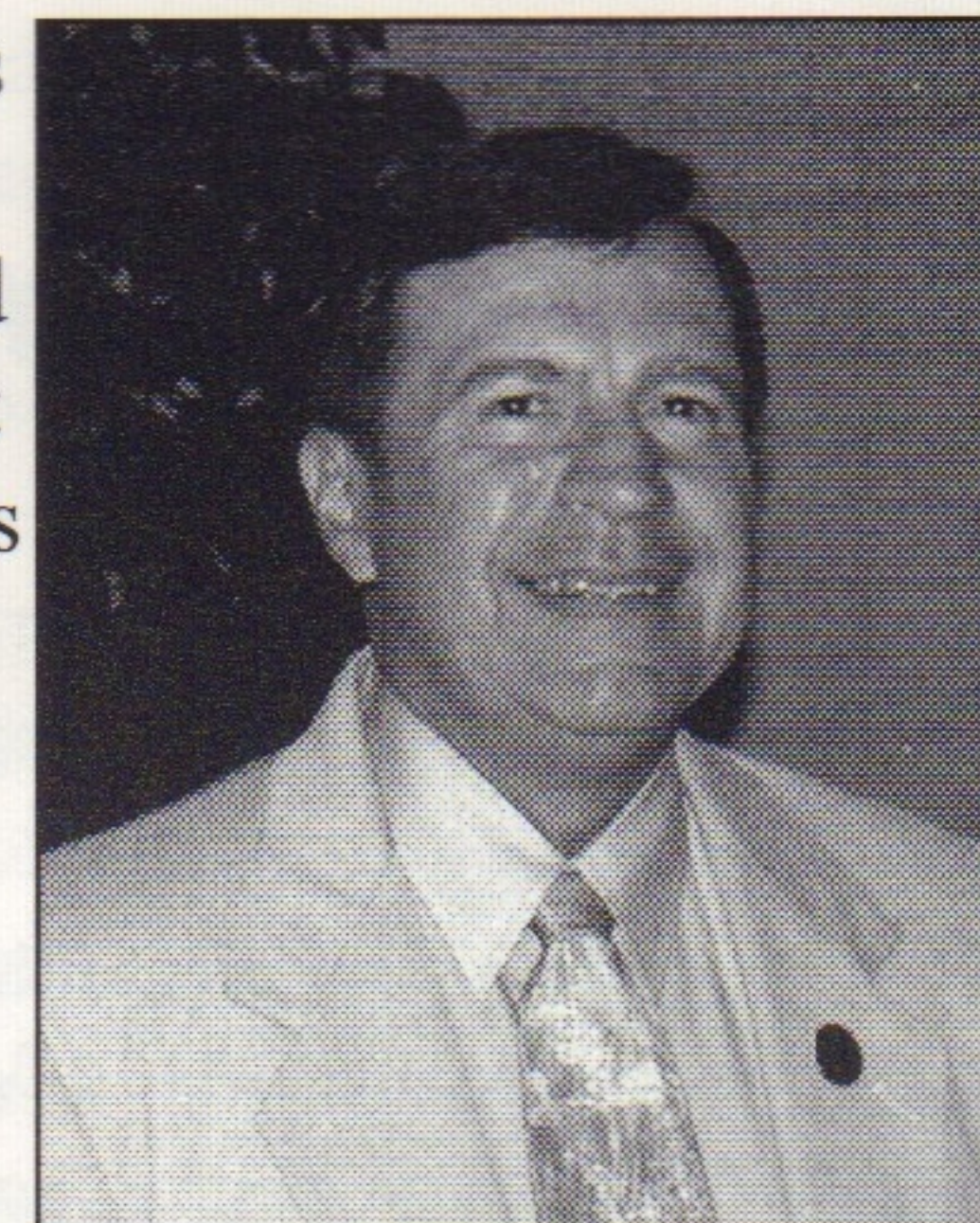
John T. Ingram was named the WCC Outstanding Student in EMS Intermediate Level just weeks before the tragic accident that claimed his life. Dr. Bill Brown, dean of the college and chief instructional officer, made the presentation at the College's Honors Day ceremony.

EMS Intermediate Level. Ingram was struck by a drunk driver and killed just weeks after receiving the honor. The 26-year-old student was also an avid body-builder who worked tirelessly with the Special Olympics, a fitness competition program for special and handicapped children. The morning of the fatal accident, he had been in Auburn coaching "his kids" in a Special Olympics tournament, and his star student, Jeffrey (J.J.) Hicks of Cottonwood, won a gold medal that day. J.J. was later awarded Athlete of the Year from Special Olympics Alabama, and Ingram was posthumously named Coach of the Year. Sally Buchanan, director of public relations and marketing at Wallace and chairperson of the Ingram program, said, "John devoted his life to working with disabled children and saving lives." Buchanan expressed amazement at the community's response to the program. "People have literally walked in off the street to make donations," she said. "One couple just gave us a check for \$1,000, simply because they wanted to help make the Fire Department's job a little easier. I'm finding that folks get a great sense of satisfaction in helping others."

WCC DEAN NAMED ALABAMA'S INSTRUCTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

John R. Fergus, Dean of Instructional Affairs at Wallace Community College, was recently named Instructional Officer of the Year by the Alabama College System Instructional Officers' Association. Fergus, of Enterprise, joined the former Alabama Aviation Technical College in Ozark in 1990, as its Dean of Instruction. When AATC merged with Wallace in 1997, Fergus became Dean of

Instructional Affairs for the merged institution. A retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, Fergus hails from Kansas City, Kansas, and holds an M.S. from Florida State University, a B.S. from the University of Kansas, and an A.A. from Kansas City, Kansas Junior College. He is a member of the National Council for Workforce Education and the American Technical Education Association.



Mr. John Fergus

Lawson State

PRUITT JOINS CLEARINGHOUSE BOARD

Dr. Karl Pruitt, Chairperson of the Department of Natural Science and Mathematics at Lawson State Community College, was recently selected to the Birmingham Environmental Clearinghouse Board. The five-member Board addresses environmental and health issues for the City of Birmingham. Pruitt is currently in the process of developing a Job Readiness Center and Brownsfield Training site in the North Birmingham area that will be an extension of Lawson State. Through the Center, the College will provide classes and life-skill training that will assist individuals with the opportunities to pursue competitive jobs.



Dr. Karl Pruitt

LAWSON STATE INSTRUCTOR SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS NIH PROGRAM

Lawson State Community College biology instructor, Chantae Calhoun, and alumnae Takeitha Poe, have been selected to participate in the 2002 Genome Scholars Program, this August, in Bethesda, Maryland, at the National Institute of Health. Each summer, the National Human Genome Research (NHGRI) offers its popular course,



Ms. Chantae Calhoun

(Lawson State Continued)

Current Topics in Genetic Research. This course is a four-day lecture-driven educational experience for faculty at colleges and universities with substantial underrepresented minority enrollment in the biomedical sciences (African-American/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, Hawaiian Islander, or Pacific Islander).

The NHGRI Genome Scholars program provides an opportunity for tenured, or tenure-track, college faculty from institutions with substantial underrepresented minority enrollment to extend their mentoring of leading students through an extensive, shared, week-long learning experience at the NIH. "This program will introduce current issues in biology that can be integrated as a resource in addition to the textbook learning experience," said Ms. Calhoun. This year, the NHGRI is offering a new component - The Genome Scholars Program for Students. Each educator that is accepted to the summer program has the opportunity to select a promising student from their institution to also attend. The Genome Scholar's curriculum parallels the instructor's course and exposes students to aspects or careers in genetic research. Students become Genome Scholars following a week of intensive lecture from leading researchers, facility tours and hands-on laboratory experiences, and exposure to emerging genetic tools and technologies.

*Excellence is
to do a
common
thing in an
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way.*

Booker T. Washington

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2002

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.....Registration
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.....Chancellor's Awards
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.....Reception

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.....Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 am.....Association Meetings
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.....Break/Vendors
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.....Keynote Speaker
12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.....Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.....Workshops
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.....Workshops
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.....Workshops

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2002

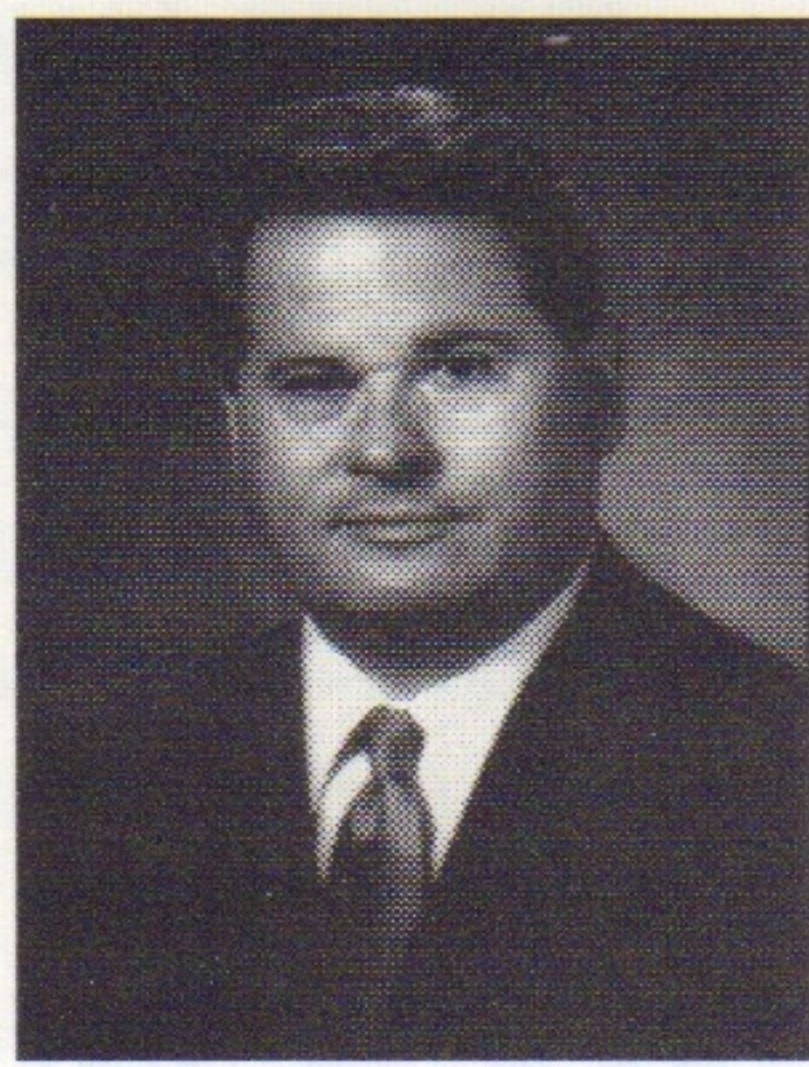
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.....Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.....Commission Meetings
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.....Breaks
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.....General Session
12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.....Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.....Workshops
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.....Workshops
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.....Workshops

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.....Chancellor's Remarks
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.....Business Meeting
Door Prizes
Adjournment

Snead State Community College

Dr. Devin Stephenson was appointed the tenth President of Snead State Community College on July 1, 2002, as announced by Dr. Roy Johnson, Interim Chancellor of the Alabama Two-Year College System. Johnson



Dr. Devin Stephenson

said, "I believe that Dr. Stephenson will be a strong president who will provide stable leadership. I asked him to serve at Snead College for two years. He is probably the only president in the system with a two year commitment."

Stephenson comes to SSCC with 27 years of experience in the Alabama two-year college system. In describing his newest role, he said, "The President of a college needs to have the right fit with the community and become part of the fiber of the area. An integral part means that I am involved in all facets of the community, live among my constituents, and that I am actively engaged in local projects."

Stephenson is a graduate of Walker High School and Walker Junior College, both in Jasper. He earned a bachelor's degree from Birmingham Southern College in Business Administration, and a master's degree and a doctoral degree from the University of Alabama in Administration of Higher Education. He has served and/or is serving on: Governor's Steering Committee, Alabama Association of Student Judicial Affairs, Church of God International Church Music Board, Distinguished Musician Award, Walker County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, Consultant to the Walker County Arts Council, Compass Bank Board of Directors, Jasper Children's Theatre Advisory Council, United Way Executive Cabinet, Jasper City Schools Career-Technical Advisory Board, Walker County Natural Resources Development Committee, American Cancer Society, Eagle Scout Review Team, Rotary Club, along with numerous others.



MCALPINE NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Johnny W. McAlpine, President of Snead State Community College for more than five years, was

named Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development, July 1, 2002. In an announcement by Dr. Roy Johnson, Interim Chancellor, "I asked McAlpine to join my staff to help strengthen and sharpen the focus on workforce development. He will work closely with David Byers, member of the Alabama State Board of Education, to implement programs in north Alabama that will improve and expand a trained workforce for the state's businesses and industries."

In announcing his departure to the SSCC staff and faculty, McAlpine said, "I am leaving with mixed emotions because I truly love Snead State Community College. However, I view this as a wonderful opportunity to work in a much greater role for the students of the two-year college system and the state of Alabama, and I am ecstatic." McAlpine served a total of fourteen years at Snead College in positions of: Job Placement Coordinator, Director of Counseling and Testing Services, Dean of Student Services, and then more than five years as President. McAlpine will have an office in Huntsville and serve as a special liaison with the Chancellor as well as with the Governor.

CAMPBELL ATTENDS FACULTY CONSORTIUM

Snead State Community College Veterinary Technician, Mikky Campbell, recently attended the first annual Hill's Pet Nutrition Faculty Consortium in Topeka, Kansas. Ms. Campbell was one of 25 Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians from across the country chosen to attend this educational seminar with Hill's Pet Nutrition paying all transportation, accommodations, and meal expenses for those participating.

During the 3-day training on animal nutrition and care, Ms. Campbell toured Hill's Science and Technology Department, including the living quarters of the beagles and cats that reside in the complex, and she also watched the pets work in their daily exercise programs. Ms. Campbell observed, "Hill's employs numerous veterinarians and technicians to ensure thorough and professional care of all animals, 24 hours a day. Their impressive facilities are state-of-the-art, led by a highly dedicated staff. The Hill's Company is very 'technician oriented' and donates manuals, product samples, and initiates various warning opportunities, including a new website for educational use, in order to assist college students in veterinary-related fields. Also,



Ms. Mikky Campbell

Hill's has a long tradition of being generous by providing all the pet food supplies to most of the veterinary schools in the USA, free of charge. In fact, for students who are seeking positions outside of private practice, one of our suggestions is that they explore career options with a company like Hill's."

Ms. Campbell listened to experts lecture on: Animal Nutrition, Continuing Education in the Community, On-line College Education, along with several other informative sessions. According to Ms. Campbell, "This trip was a great experience, and I am looking forward to attending the seminar next year. The most interesting part of the consortium was attending the feeding trials that demonstrate the animals' likes and dislikes of different amounts, types, and brands of feed. The results are charted by computerized comparisons, which also show reactions and behaviors after eating. The ultimate goal of any animal nutrition program seems simple and is like any nutritional care for humans, which is to provide complete and balanced nutrition for good health and a long life. Watching the feeding trials was very interesting and informative. I had studied about the process in textbooks, but I understand the research much better now. I plan to share my first-hand knowledge in my classroom and I hope to enlighten my students on my real-world experience." The SSCC Veterinary Technology Department is the only one of its kind in Alabama.

BREWER HONORED

Snead State Community College's Johnny Brewer, Instructor of Speech and Theatre, was honored with one of the top awards at the annual convention of the Alabama College System Public Relations Association in July. Three individuals from two-year colleges state-wide received "Silver Dollar Awards" for their creations of promotional publications or projects for their college. Brewer won with his personalized poster for the SSCC production of *It's A Wonderful Life*, which featured the actual leading actors on the advertisement, including students and area citizens. "As soon as I plan each upcoming theatre season, I begin developing the poster concept and design. Sometimes I pattern the look after the movie slick or Broadway playbill of the same show. When the play is cast, we have our photo session, and then go from there to the finished product, which we also use for our program cover. We have great success with our local professional offices and merchants requesting our posters for display, which is a great way to promote our productions," Brewer stated.



Drake State Technical College

DRAKE INSTRUCTOR SELECTED AS HONORARY SKILLS USA-VICA LIFETIME MEMBER

Bethany Clem, drafting and design technology instructor, recently received an honorary SKILLS USA-VICA lifetime membership. Clem was nominated by her peers in SKILLS-USA VICA and voted in by the board of directors at the recently held state skills championship in Montgomery.



Ms. Bethany Clem

Clem has advised Drake's SKILLS USA-VICA organization for over 14 years. Under her leadership the college has generated several state winners in various skill level categories. Clem has a bachelor's degree in Education from Alabama A&M University.

SKILLS USA-VICA is a national organization of high school and college students, as well as professional members who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, health and service occupations.

DRAKE NURSING INSTRUCTORS ACCEPTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Practical nursing instructors Alice Raymond and Deborah Emsberger have been officially accepted to the doctoral program in nursing at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville beginning this fall.

Under Raymond's leadership as the department chairperson, the nursing program has undergone a smooth transition since the retirement of the entire nursing staff in 2000. Raymond was formerly employed with Healthsouth in Huntsville. Emsberger is currently serving in the United States Naval Reserve and was formerly employed at Huntsville Hospital.

DRAKE STATE NAMES STUDENT SERVICES MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Dr. Patricia Sims has been selected as the new Student Services Management Director at Drake State Technical College. "Dr. Sims has been described as one of the stars of the

Huntsville City School system," remarked President Helen T. McAlpine. "I am glad that she chose to apply and eventually accept the position at our institution." She is responsible for managing the admissions, financial aid, special programs, counseling, job placement and public relations offices.

Sims was most recently employed as the principal at Westlawn Middle School. Her other employers have included Stone Middle School and Davis Hills Middle School. She has been a member of several professional development organizations including Phi Delta Kappa, the National Education Association, National Association for Secondary Principals, Huntsville Association of School Administrators, and the Huntsville Education Association. Sims has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of West Alabama, a Master of Education degree from Alabama A & M University, both Class AA & A certifications from Alabama A & M University and a Doctor of Education in Leadership and Administration from the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.



Dr. Patricia Sims

Southern Union State Community College

JOANNE JORDAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN UNION

Dr. Joanne Jordan has been named acting president of Southern Union State Community College (SU). The announcement was made Thursday, June 27, 2002, on the Opelika Campus of SU. Jordan succeeds Dr. Roy W. Johnson who took over as acting chancellor of Alabama's two-year college system July 1.



Dr. Joanne Jordan

In making the announcement, Johnson said, "Southern Union will reach new heights under Dr. Jordan's leadership. You haven't seen anything yet as to what Southern Union can be." Jordan remarked, "I have been here (at SU) for a long time, and I'm proud of that. I thank Dr.

Johnson for his confidence in me, and I'm humbled to be asked to serve as president of Southern Union."

Jordan has worked at SU since 1966, first as a biology teacher and later in various administrative capacities including Director of Extended Day Programs, Director of Institutional Advancement, Dean of Administration, and Vice President. She has served since 1994 as a member of the Postsecondary Advisory Committee on Policy Matters. Jordan is a member of numerous civic and professional organizations and has been named as Alabama's Outstanding Administrator of the Year for two-year colleges. Last year, she was named Financial Manager of the Year for the Alabama College System.

Jordan earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Jacksonville State University and her doctorate from Auburn University.

Gadsden State Community College

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Brenda Crowe, Dean of Institutional Advancement and Community Services, and Tammy Potter, math instructor, attended the 24th annual international conference of NISOD in Austin, Texas, May 26-29. NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) is the outreach organization of the Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas in Austin. NISOD supports the pursuit of excellence in teaching and leadership at its more than 600 member colleges across the United States and Canada and around the globe. Held each May, NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence features internationally renowned keynote speakers and sessions on a diverse array of current issues and strategies supporting excellence in college teaching, learning, and leadership. Participants are a rich mix of college faculty and administrators who actively support the highest standards of teaching excellence and promote student success.

Dr. Crowe and Ms. Potter were respectively recognized for their excellence in leadership and teaching. Traditionally, Gadsden State sends to NISOD its nominees for the Chancellor's Awards in Administration and in Teaching Excellence.

(Gadsden Continued)

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HONORS

Lisa Thacker, Coordinator of Financial Services, was recently elected to serve as treasurer for the Alabama Association of College and University Business Officers (AACUBO) for 2002-2003. This organization is composed of business officers from both two-year and four-year colleges in Alabama. AACUBO is instrumental in continuing education and financial leadership for the state's colleges and universities.

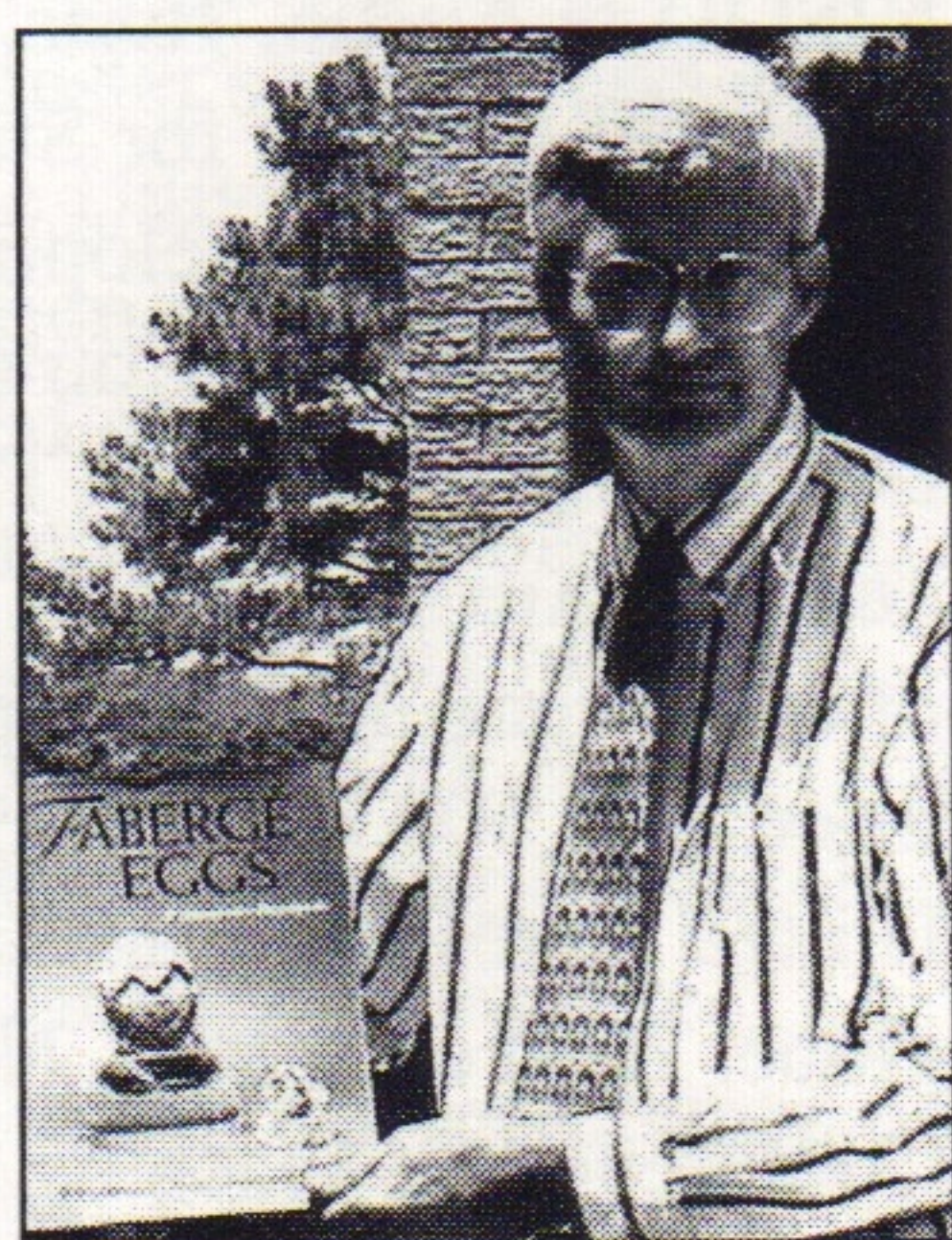


Ms. Lisa Thacker

In addition to this honor, Thacker was appointed to serve on the Community College Constituency Committee of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO). She will serve a three-year appointment to this committee. In fulfilling her obligations to this organization Thacker will attend a workshop this fall in Orlando and the SACUBO Annual Meeting in Charlotte. Her duties will include identifying faculty and topics for the Professional Development Committee.

HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART FEATURES HISTORY INSTRUCTOR

The Art Reference Library of the Huntsville Museum of Art was dedicated by a celebration, open house and guest lecture by George W. Terrell, Jr. The event focused on the famous works of Peter Carl Faberge. The highlight of the festivities was the unveiling of the recently published book *Faberge's Eggs: A Retrospective Encyclopedia*. This book was co-authored by Will Lowes and Christel L. McCanless. Lowes is an author from Australia and McCanless is Librarian for the Huntsville Museum. Terrell was a consultant for the book.

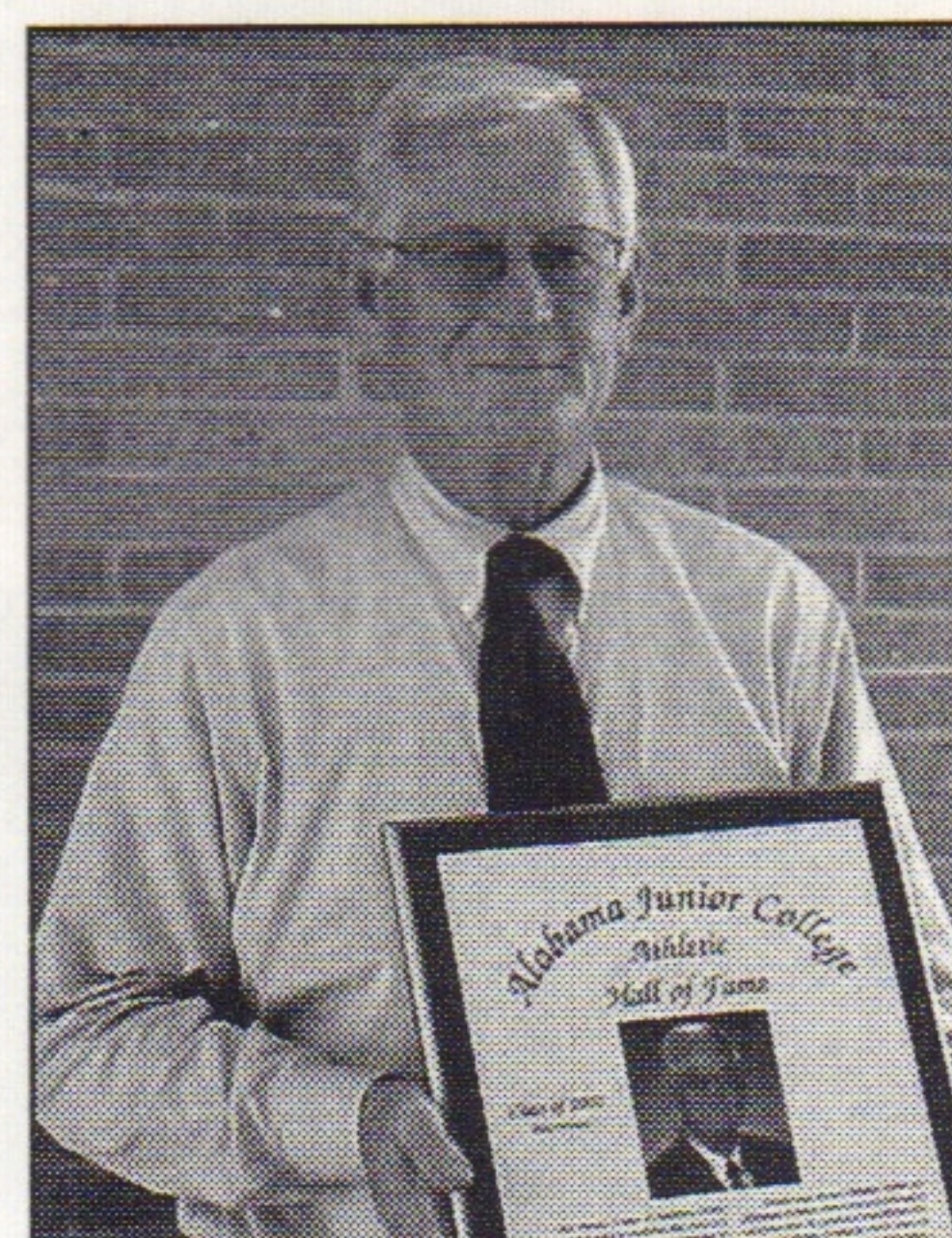


Mr. George Terrell

Terrell met McCanless approximately thirty years ago, and they have researched the Faberge' items throughout the years. In 1992, the Gadsden Center for Cultural Arts featured the Forbes' Faberge' Exhibition. Both Terrell and McCanless were instrumental in bringing this exhibit to Gadsden.

AJCC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARDED TO GSCC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Riley Whitaker, GSCC Athletic Director, was honored at the Fourteenth Annual AJCCC Athletic Hall of Fame award ceremony in Foley, Alabama. Dr. Whitaker began the men's basketball, baseball, and golf programs at Gadsden State, serving as the first coach for each of these sports. He coached men's basketball from 1966-1975 and had the honor of taking the 1969-70 team to the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.



Dr. Riley Whitaker

He is presently the Athletic Director at Gadsden State Community College. The GSCC athletic programs include: men's basketball, women's basketball, women's cross-country, baseball, volleyball, softball, tennis, and golf. In addition to his role as athletic director, Whitaker serves as academic director for the HPR division at Gadsden State. Under his leadership GSCC has won eleven state championships and has been awarded the All Sports Trophy six times.

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEE INSTALLED AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Kathy Brown, Public Relations Administrative Assistant, was recently elected to serve as president of the Gadsden Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) for 2002-2003. IAAP is a not-for-profit professional association with 40,000 members and affiliates and 600+ chapters worldwide. The association works in partnership with employers to promote excellence. Its members include administrative assistants, executive secretaries, office coordinators, information specialists, and related administrative professionals. Many corporations, educational institutions, students, and international affiliate organizations also belong to IAAP.

Brown will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the chapter, coordinate and oversee all chapter affairs, and act as a spokesperson for and promote the mission and programs of IAAP. The Gadsden Chapter has been instrumental in promoting the working relationships of administrative professions with management through continuing education. An educational seminar is held

annually, as well as monthly programs for members and guests. The chapter has also assisted local service agencies such as Red Cross (Homebound Veterans) and Rose Haven Shelter for Women.

2002 ACA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President.....	Dr. Vicki Hawsey
First Vice-President.....	Ms. Cynthia Anthony
Second Vice-President.....	Dr. Stafford Thompson
Immediate Past-President.....	Mr. Mark Shope
Treasurer.....	Dr. Linda Hooton
Past President and	
Affiliate Members Chair.....	Dr. Mike Bailey
Administration Chair.....	Dr. David Chalker
Administration Vice-Chair.....	Dr. Jim Prucnal
Faculty and T&L Chair.....	Ms. Barbara Anne Spears
Faculty and T&L Vice-Chair.....	Ms. Wilma Smith
Students Chair.....	Ms. Bridget Burney
Students Vice-Chair.....	Dr. Allen Champion
Support Chair.....	Ms. Rosalind Myles
Support Vice-Chair.....	Ms. Dorothy Young
Affiliate Members Co-Chair...	Dr. Johnny McAlpine
Historian.....	Dr. Stafford Thompson
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Coordinator.....	Mr. Maynard Odom
Auxiliary Services Coordinator.....	Ms. Camie Huett
Door Prizes Coordinator.....	Ms. June Hester
Door Prizes Coordinator.....	Mr. Roger Chandler
Door Prizes Coordinator.....	Dr. Earnest L. Davis
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Entertainment Co-Chair.....	Dr. Rick Rogers
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Coordinator.....	Ms. Lena Dexter
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Coordinator.....	Ms. Marthanne Brown
Publications Officer.....	Ms. Jacquie Thacker
Postsecondary Representative and	
Legislative Affairs Chair.....	Ms. Debbie Dahl
Parliamentarian.....	Mr. Pat Salatto
Registration	
Coordinator.....	Ms. Necedah Henderson
Secretary.....	Ms. Taffy Hall
Vendors Coordinator.....	Ms. Deborah Schaus
President's Representative.....	Dr. Yvonne Kennedy

Enterprise State Junior College

Enterprise State Junior College art instructor, Faye Earnest is known for her canvas work as well as her murals. Her paintings have been shown in galleries in Mobile, Fairhope, New Orleans, Birmingham, New York, Germany, Paris, Greece, and St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A painting she did of polo players was featured on the cover of the November 1998 arts edition of *Polo Players Magazine* in Palm Beach, Florida. She was also listed as an artist with the U.S. Polo Association. Recently, she was invited to participate in a special project entitled "The Colorful World of Polo." Each artist was required to submit ten designs for painting the players. The Association selected her design and the life size fiberglass polo player was sent to her to paint. The artwork will be flown to JFK Airport in New York where her work, along with 24 others, will be displayed during the months of September and October. Other display points will include Las Vegas and Rio Casino. At the end of the tour the United States Polo Olympic team will auction the polo players at a fundraiser that Faye will attend in Las Vegas.



Ms. Faye Earnest

STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2002

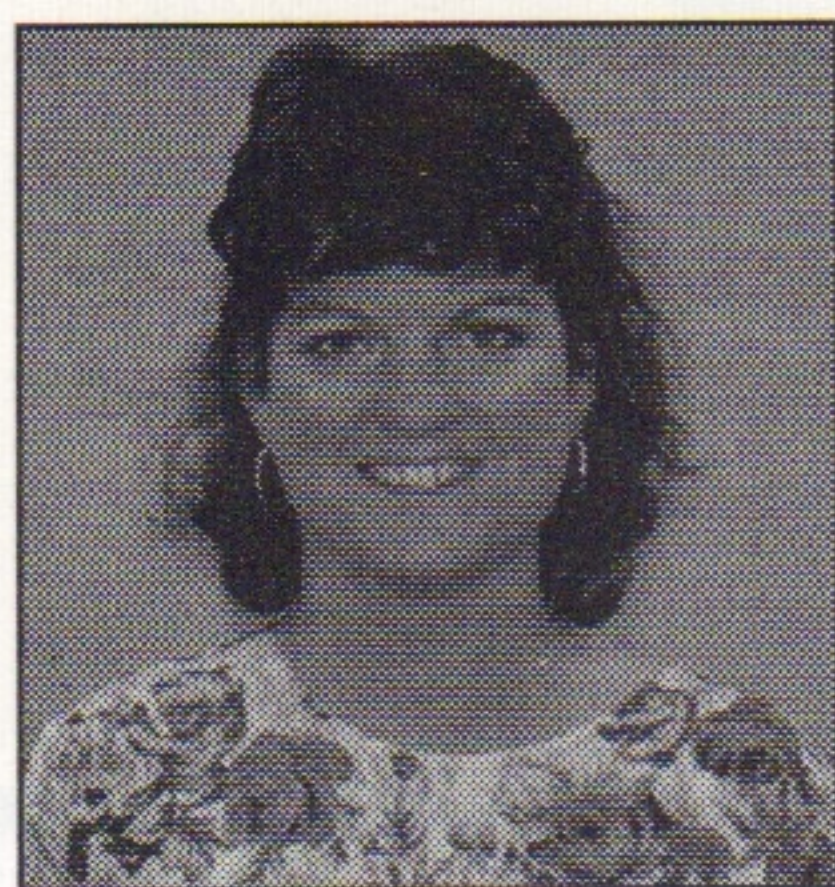
Dr. David Chalker, Dean of Student Affairs for Enterprise State Junior College, was recently presented the inaugural award for Student Affairs Officer of the Year for 2002 by The Alabama College System Deans of Student Affairs Association. In presenting the plaque, association president Jacqueline Screws said that the award was for outstanding contributions to the Student Affairs Division, superior performance, leadership, and service to the Association, and exemplary pursuit of professional development

*Education's purpose is to
replace an empty mind with an
open one.*

Malcolm S. Forbes

Alabama Industrial Development Training

AIDT MANAGEMENT TRAINERS SELECTED TO JUDGE ALABAMA QUALITY AWARD



Ms. Kendall Haywood



Mr. Felix Phillips



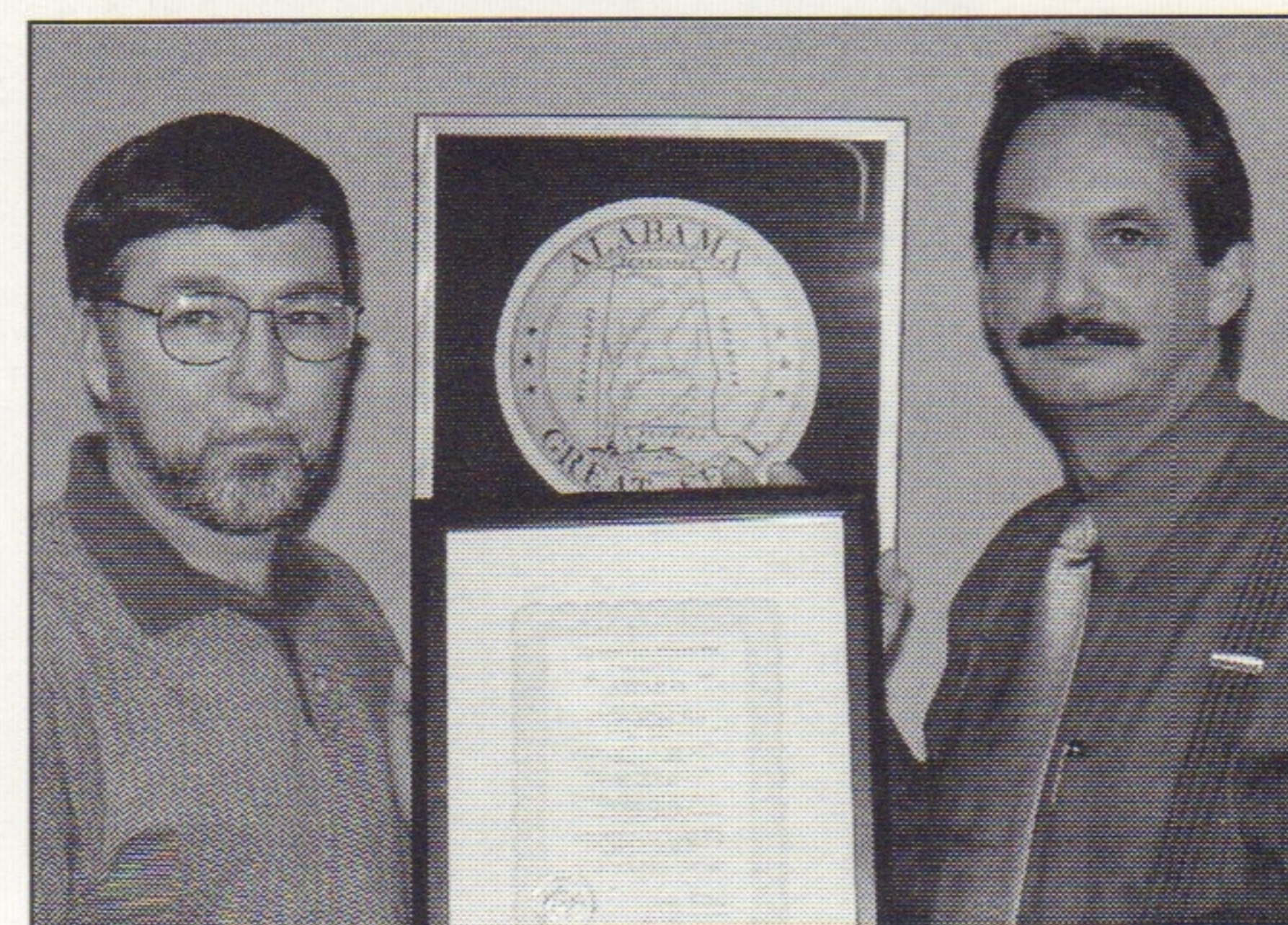
Ms. Emalyn Clark

AIDT management trainers Felix Phillips and Kendall Haywood have been selected to conduct assessments for this year's Alabama Quality Award. Phillips has been selected as an AQA judge and Kendall Haywood has been selected as an AQA examiner. This is Phillips' second time to serve as a judge, having earned that distinction last year after serving three years as an examiner for the award. As AIDT management trainers, Phillips specializes in ISO 9000 and other quality management topics, and Haywood conducts seminars in supervisory and team building skills. Both positions require extensive knowledge in managing for quality and customer satisfaction. Quality Award examiners must complete a week-long training program on the AQA criteria which is similar to the Baldrige National Quality Award. The Award promotes understanding of the requirements for performance excellence and competitiveness improvement; also it

promotes sharing of information on successful performance strategies and the benefits derived from using these strategies.

"GREEN-LIGHT" ATTITUDE EARNS AIDT DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR JIM RICHARDS

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Jim Richards with
AIDT Director Ed Castile

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